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Calls for full consultation on surgery closure plans

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LIBERAL Democrats have handed in a 2,500-signature calling for no GP surgery closures without a full public consultation.

The idea of reducing the number of practices has been suggested by the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). Dorchester councillor Andy Canning handed the petition to the CCG at their Bridport Road headquarters in the county town.

In mid-Dorset, which includes Dorchester, the number of surgeries could

decline from 11 to between four and six; and in West Dorset from eight to between three and five with similar reductions in other areas.

Local councillor Andy Canning says that a recent survey of GPs carried out across the South West by Exeter University shows that up to two in five of all GPs are thinking of quitting the NHS due to low morale.

Helen Stokes-Lampard, chair of the Royal College of GPs (RCGP), said the NHS is "haemorrhaging highly trained, experienced GPs at an alarming rate".

Said Councillor Canning: "No wonder morale is low in Dorset. Our Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has called for the number of GP Surgeries in Mid Dorset (including Dorchester) to be cut from 11 to between four and six, the numbers in West Dorset to be cut from eight to between three and five and the numbers in North Dorset (including Sherborne) to be cut from 14 to between three and eight.

"I am appalled at the scale of these



■ **ANDY Canning hands in a petition calling for full consultation on any changes to local GP practices**

cuts. It is why West Dorset Liberal Democrats launched a petition calling for no closures without full public consultation. This week I presented this petition with more than 2,500 signatures to the CCG."

In Weymouth local GP and Green councillor Dr Jon Orrell said the situation was fast becoming a crisis.

He said Weymouth has eight practices with four or them having trouble recruiting. The Doctor says there was a time when a job advert would result in

100 suitable applicants. Today offering positions often results in no applicants at all.

The Exeter study also points out that more than 30 per cent of current GPs are older than 50 with many considering retirement, or working less hours.

Said Professor John Campbell, of the University of Exeter Medical School: "GP morale is low because of workload pressures, and many younger GP's do not want the financial risk and responsibilities of taking on a practice."

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ORIGINALLY from the West Midlands, local author Georgia Hill regularly holidayed in Lyme Regis as a child and has now realised her long-held dream and moved to the area.

She has always enjoyed writing and has now had more than 10 novels and novellas published, focussing on romantic comedy and historical romance.

● TELL us a little about your career history...

I've done lots of things but I'm not sure if I've had a career as such. I've worked for a charity, been a road safety advisor, worked in the theatre - an eclectic mix. Being a road safety advisor was fun at times. One of my regular gigs was to teach road safety to members of the US Navy at a base in Marble Arch. I also worked in schools a lot which I loved, so decided to re-train as a teacher. I taught in primary schools for 20 years, became a deputy head and then worked as an educational consultant for a local authority. Then I decided to change direction again and became a writer.

● HOW did you first become interested in writing?

I've always written. Diaries, travel journals, some really bad poetry, bits and pieces. I always had stories going on in my head but didn't do anything about it. I suppose life kept getting in the way. Back in 2004, I joined an online forum. It was supposed to be all about nineteenth century literature but really was a bit of a swoon-fest for the BBC period drama 'North and South' and its leading man, actor Richard Armitage! A section of the forum was dedicated to members' writing so I began to post a story, chapter by chapter. It was popular and I got instant feedback. I went on to do a couple of creative writing classes and joined a wonderful organisation called The Romantic Novelists' Association. I went through their New Writers' Scheme and am currently published by Harper Impulse, which is the digital-first imprint of Harper Collins.

● WHAT kind of books do you write?

I write romance in two sub-genres - rom-coms and historical romance. My rom-coms are (hopefully) fun and light while my historical writing has darker themes. Having said that, there's quite a lot of humour in my First World War novel 'While I Was Waiting' and some of my rom-coms often address serious issues such as bullying and dyslexia. You can find out more at www.georgiahill.co.uk

● WHAT inspires your work?

Anything and everything is the short answer! For 'While I Was Waiting' inspiration initially sprang from my great-grandfather. He died in 1916 while serving with the Worcestershire Regiment. Then I came across the story of three brothers from Berrington Hall, a National Trust property near where I used to live in Herefordshire. All three died during the war. I became interested in what happened to the women and the large country estates left behind by the men who went to war. I like to mix in a contemporary storyline into my historical novels so added townie Rachel adjusting to her new life in the country. Inspiration for that came from my own experiences of



being 'from off' as they call it in Herefordshire - in other words, an outsider. Rachel finds a collection of letters and diaries written during WWI and gradually pieces together the story of a woman who loved and lost. WWI is a period in history with which I'm fascinated. A time of huge social and technological change, of enormous sacrifice and tragedy. It's a rich seam to mine for a writer. On a far less serious note, I've also written a series of rom-com novellas inspired by my love of 'Strictly Come Dancing'.

● TELL us a little about your latest book?

'Millie Vanilla's Cupcake Café' is the story of a woman fighting for her livelihood in the face of a large-chain coffee shop opening up. It's set in a small seaside town, loosely based on Lyme. Bere-

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combe is entirely fictional and is in Devon, though. It has a harbour, a prom, a little theatre and a steep hill which climbs up towards Axminster. I always have Lyme in mind when I'm writing about it but, because it's fictional, I can add things when or if needed. It's great fun making up entire communities. 'Millie Vanilla' is coming out in three parts, 'Spring Beginnings' came out in February, 'Summer Loves' in June and 'Christmas Weddings' later in the year. Then I'm back to another historical. It's also set on the coast near Lyme and is about a Victorian woman who yearns to become a fossil expert like Mary Anning but is forced into a society marriage. The contemporary part of the novel features a boat-builder and a grieving woman investigating a family tragedy. It's much easier doing research now I'm actually living here and Lyme's Boat Building Academy were fantastically helpful.

● WHAT do you enjoy about being a writer?

Making things up and living in the imaginary world I've created is great fun. I love talking to people too - everyone has a story to tell or has the potential to become a character in a book. I bumped into 'Fat Les' the other day - he's got to go into a story. Elvis, the deaf assistance poodle, is based on a real dog I know, although his owner is thankfully nothing like Biddy in 'Millie Vanilla'. I can set my own hours and work when it best suits me. And there's no 'working wardrobe.' I can often be found still in pyjamas way past midday, much to the horror of the postman!



● WHAT do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

I love walking the spaniels on the beach, looking for fossils. I enjoy going to the theatre and cinema and can't wait for The Regent to open again. I have very fond memories of seeing 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang' and 'Doctor Dolittle' there as a small child - there was a mini zoo in the foyer! I'm also incapable of walking past a museum of any sort and there are some fantastic ones in the area and I'm proud to be a friend of the Philpot. I'm married to a CAMRA member so you can often find us in a pub enjoying some good ale and pub grub. And, not surprisingly, I love reading. I'm mugging up on local myth and folklore at the moment.

● WHAT do you like about living in the local area?

Like many people from the Midlands, my family trundled down the M5 and came to Lyme on holiday. My first time was when I was five when we rented Auntie Marge's caravan on Timber Vale. We arrived in thick fog but it didn't put me off - a love affair with the area began! I've been coming to Lyme at least once a year since then, more often if I could manage it. I'd get withdrawal symptoms if I couldn't get here. Now I've realised a long-held dream and am living here. I still can't quite believe it. I'm fairly well travelled but nowhere compares to Lyme Regis. It has such a rich history, and connections to great literary, scientific and artistic figures, that I get a real thrill out of being here. The Dorset and Devon countryside is glorious and, for a midlander, being by the sea never loses its appeal. I've lived and worked all over the UK but Lyme has been a constant in my life. Walking on the beach or along The Cobb simply makes me happy.

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PM calls snap election for June

PRIME Minister Theresa May has caught the country by surprise in calling a snap general election for June 8th.

Despite previously announcing that he would not stand at the next election, which wasn't expected to take place for another three years, Sir Oliver Letwin told the BBC yesterday (Tuesday) that he would go to the polls one more time if selected.

The Conservative agent for West Dorset, Anthony Stanley, however, told the *View From* that no official announcement would be made until it was confirmed that there would be an election on June 8th.

Mrs May's shock announcement came yesterday (April 18th) following a cabinet meeting where it was "reluctantly" agreed that the government should call a general election.

She previously stated that there would be no election until 2020, but has now concluded that "the only way to guarantee certainty and stability for the years ahead is to hold this election".

Speaking outside Number 10, Mrs May said: "At this moment of enormous national significance there should be unity here in Westminster, but instead there is division.

"The country is coming together, but Westminster is not.

"Division in Westminster will risk our ability to make a success of Brexit and it will cause damaging uncertainty and instability to the country.

"So we need a general election and we need on now, because we have at this moment a one-off chance to get this done while the European Union agrees its negotiating position and before the detailed talks begin.

"I have only recently and reluctantly come to this conclusion."

Coming little more than two years after the last general election in 2015, this is the shortest turnaround between polls since 1974.

The candidates standing in the South Dorset constituency had not been announced at the time of going to press.



■ CUTTING the ribbon by Geoff Moore

Port extension opened

A NEW extension to the cruise berth at Portland Port has been opened by MP for South Dorset, Richard Drax.

The extension will allow the port to offer berths to even larger cruise ships. The ceremony, involving port staff, tenants and guests, was kicked off with speeches from Christopher Langham, Chairman of Portland Port Group, followed by Richard Drax, who then cut the ribbon and declared the extension open.

The cruise berth extension was the result of several years or careful planning and makes Portland Port one of only a few on the English Channel that can handle vessels with overall lengths of 340 metres.

The extension works were carried out by marine construction specialists Red 7 Marine Ltd, TMS Ltd and CMP Thames who joined forces to deliver the project. The design involved building two large structures, called dolphins, 100 metres apart. Each dolphin consists of a 1,200-tonne reinforced concrete platform set on seven, 1.5 metre diameter steel piles driven into the sea bed. The dolphins are linked by walkways and are positioned to support ships being moored on the port's two largest berths.

Mr Bill Reeves, CEO at Portland Port said: "This is a key investment for the port and demonstrates our commitment to the continued development of

our infrastructure. The berth extension enhances our ability to accommodate some of the largest cruise liners in service today, as well as those being launched over the next few years."

The first vessel to use the extension is likely to be Holland America's Koningsdam on May 11th, followed by the Disney Magic on May 23rd.

In this cruise season alone, there will be eight cruise ships calling at Portland Port, which are more than 290 metres long.

As cruise ships and other vessels around the world continue to get larger, the new extension will allow Portland Port to accommodate some of the biggest ships in operation.

Plans for new leisure complex at industrial estate

A REDUNDANT building on the Granby industrial estate could be re-opened as a health, well-being and business centre.

DJ Property have submitted a planning application to West Dorset District Council to convert existing redundant office space at Leanne House, Avon Close.

Just under a million pounds is expected to be invested into the project, which has internal areas of more than 30,000 square feet, and is expected to generate dozens of new jobs. Mickey Jones, Chief Executive of DJ Property said: "Leanne House is currently a substantial vacant office building and not required by the market in its current format. BAE occupied parts of the building until September 2016, when they relocated to space at the Weymouth & Portland Land Registry. It is our intention to substantially modernise this prime employment site by transforming the current tired offices into a high-quality gymnasium, with supporting health and well-being businesses and accompanied by high specification office space."

The businessman said he would be substantially modernising the building, replacing all doors and windows and refreshing all of the exterior cladding. The building fascia will be transformed by using a light grey cladding rather than a dark brown.

The site has more than 150 car parking spaces and is located by the Jurassic Cycleway, which joins Weymouth to Chickerell and located near to bus routes.

Added Mr Jones: "DJ Property intend to develop a combined well-being and workspace centre, which will serve the existing Granby estate work force and expanding local community of Chickerell, Southill and Weymouth. Many



■ CHIEF Executive of DJ Property Group, Mickey Jones outside of the existing building, Leanne House at Avon Close, Granby Industrial Estate

local large employers are offering wellness and fitness options into their recruitment packages in a bid to attract the very best employees. The proposed new complex will be of high quality construction and with flexible opening hours. This facility will make the Avon Close area of the Granby Industrial Estate more attractive to new and expanding businesses."

The new centre will also include a crèche and other support services, which will be accessible to non-gym members.

Former Weymouth headteacher jailed for four years

A FORMER Weymouth headteacher has been jailed for four years after being found guilty of indecently assaulting a pupil in the 1990s.

David Akers, 61 and of Waddon in Weymouth, was found guilty on Thursday, April 13th at Bournemouth Crown Court of three counts of indecent assault following a nine-day trial.

He was found not guilty of three other counts of indecent assault.

Mr Akers was also told he would be on the Sex Offenders Register for life.

The court heard that Mr Akers was employed as deputy headteacher at Budmouth School at the time of the offences, which date back to the 1990s.

He befriended his victim, who was under the age of 16 at the time and a pupil at the school, and would drive her in his car to remote locations and indecently assault her, the court was told.

The offences came to light when she told her partner and her friends in 2015.

In police interview Mr Akers said he knew the victim as she was a former pupil, but denied there had been any sexual contact with the girl.

Detective Constable Richard Bayley, of Weymouth CID, said: "David Akers was in a position of trust and abused that trust to engage in an inappropriate relationship with a pupil.

"I wish to pay tribute to the victim in this case for her bravery in coming forward and reporting these offences.

"I would like to thank the school and partner agencies who worked with Dorset Police throughout this investigation.

"I hope this conviction and sentence sends out a very clear message that Dorset Police takes all sexual allegations seriously, no matter when they were committed, and ensure victims are listened to and offenders are brought to justice."

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Hospital to roll out new state-of-the-art mattresses

DORSET County Hospital inpatients are now benefitting from new state-of-the-art mattresses.

The "hybrid" mattresses have been tested out for over three months and, following positive feedback from patients and staff, are now being rolled out to wards across the hospital.

The mattresses, which are being introduced as part of the hospital's rolling mattress replacement programme, will replace the current static foam mattresses and have dynamic cells which provide alternating pressure therapy, a microclimate layer and a memory foam overlay.

As well as providing increased comfort for patients, the mattresses also form part of a package of pressure relieving aids which are used in the treatment and prevention of condi-



STAFF from around the hospital receive an introduction to the Clinicare 100HF hybrid mattress from Jeannette Brown, Linet UK Ltd

tions such as pressure ulcers.

Frank Williams, Head of Medical Engineering at DCH said: "These mattresses will improve

the quality of care to our patients and the hospital is proud to be able to offer patients this innovation in care.

"We have now com-

pleted the first phase of implementation of our new hybrid mattresses and 105 have been installed into wards in North Wing."

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Jurassic Investment Network launched

WE ARE very pleased to announce the launch of a new monthly networking group, Jurassic Investment Network, based in Lyme Regis and covering Dorset, Devon and Somerset.

Jurassic Investment Network has been set up by local property professional Jim Larcombe and his business partner Fiona Markham, together with Property Company Zest Properties and other local investment specialists. The aim is to create a great networking club for local individuals and businesses interested in both property development and investment, plus alternative ways of investing in the current climate.

It will create a great opportunity to meet and connect with other local people inter-

ested in all aspects of investments and the property market, from investing, developing, finding the right team of local experts, planning applications and marketing. In addition we will have guest speakers with expertise on all aspects of the property market and more conventional investment routes.

The first meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd May at Lyme Regis Football Club, Charmouth Road, Lyme Regis, DT7 3DR. Registration and networking will begin from 6pm with our speakers taking to the floor at 7pm. It will be free to attend and there will be tea, coffee and a bar available.

We look forward to welcoming you to this new and exciting event.

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SOME of the movers at Dorchester's 1610 leisure centre who took part in the Lets Move For a Better World campaign

Dorchester moves it with the best of them

DORCHESTER Sports Centre has topped a regional challenge for the most "moves".

Dorchester Sports Centre (1,856,444) and Trinity Sports & Leisure in Bridgwater (1,618,692) were the best performing 1610 sports centres in terms of moves logged up - placing them sixth and eighth in the UK centre rankings.

The challenge was undertaken by regular gym users with additional moves logged up by visits from school children, to the residents of care homes.

1610, which manages 19 leisure centres across the South West, inspired local communities and members at its centres to take part in the Technogym Lets Move For a Better World campaign which is aimed at fighting rising inactivity and obesity levels.

Overall 1610 customers at its centres in Somerset, Devon, and Dorset, ran, cycled and worked out to log up a total of more than six million moves for the global campaign which included 18 countries worldwide.

A total of 2,337 people took part in the challenge including 500 pupils from a range of pri-

mary schools across the South West which helped 1610 achieve two million more moves than it did in the 2016 "Lets Move For a Better World" campaign.

Paul Stimpson who helped organise the campaign says that it has been a worthwhile community event.

He said: "We were delighted with the response and we would like to thank all those who took part in the challenge to help us to improve on previous campaigns and achieve our 6 million moves."

"Our staff worked very hard to motivate members and local communities and 40 per cent of 1610 members who we surveyed about the campaign felt that it had a real impact on them and that they were more active during the campaign, walking to work and the gym and were more motivated to reach their fitness goals."

"We can see that the campaign led to an increase in turn out at our centres and that it encouraged lasting fitness benefits for those who took part."



Mayor honours good citizens

FIVE Weymouth residents have received certificates from Mayor Richard Kosior for their work in the community.

They were – Dinah Ellis for work with the Friends of Lodmoor Country Park; Baron Miles for the Idea League; Jason West for work in the park district and in helping set up the sea swimming changing rooms; Amanda Hopkins for work as street pastor and with a mother and toddler group and John Hopkins for his work as a street pastor and at Danmoor residential home.

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Record Store Day marks tenth year

THE 10th annual Record Store Day will be marked and celebrated in Bridport Music this month, with a host of live performances and exclusive releases.

Record Store Day, which takes place on Saturday, April 22nd this year, is the one day of the year when more than 200 independent record shops all across the UK come together to celebrate their unique culture.

Special vinyl releases are made exclusively for the day and many shops host artist performances and events to mark the occasion.

The team at Bridport Music will provide tea, coffee and cake for the early morning enthusiasts and visitors throughout the day.

There will be live music all day from 10am with Silver Chix, Peter James Millson, Jack Harrison Music, The Gravity Drive, Abi Rich, Mitch Norman and Them Voices Poor, who will cut the cake and toast the 10th Record Store Day with some West Milton Cider at 4pm.

For more information about Record Store Day and the exclusive releases visit www.recordstore-day.com

A video of last year's Record Store Day can be found at <https://vimeo.com/173110804>



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Weymouth to mark Anzac Day

RESIDENTS of Weymouth and Portland are invited to a service of remembrance and short wreath laying in recognition of Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (Anzac) Day this month.

At 11am on Tuesday, April 25th, Weymouth will hold a civic service at the Anzac Memorial on the seafront opposite the Hotel Prince Regent.

All are welcome to attend.

Wreaths will be laid by the deputy mayor and representatives of Australia House and New Zealand House from London, ex-service organisations and expatriates living or working in Weymouth.

The memorial commemorates the thousands of Australian and New Zealand volunteer servicemen who passed through camps and hospitals in Dorset during the First World War between battles in the Middle East and those on the Western Front in Europe.

Nick Thornley, Weymouth & Portland Borough Council's Head of Economy, Leisure and Tourism, said: "Anzac Day is a chance to commemorate and honour the members of the Australian and New Zealand Army who fought at Gallipoli during World War I.

"Everyone is welcome to attend the service in recognition of the sacrifice made by personnel of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps."

The Deputy Mayor of Weymouth & Portland Mayor will be laying a wreath together with Commander Rob Elphick, from the Royal Australian Navy and Lt Robert Nesbit from the New Zealand Defence Force.

Representatives from ex-service organisations and associations will also be attending the ceremony.

Children turn out to support George's charity

Trevor Bevins

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DOZENS of youngsters ran around Dorchester's Great Field on Saturday to raise money for Meningitis Now.

The young runners ran laps of the field to make up a 2km run, with the under 8s undertaking a shorter course.

"It's been great. We've got about 70 here today and hope to make it an annual event," said Naomi Patterson, whose son, George, has inspired a series of fundraising events for the charity under the banner of 'Team George'. Six of them will be tackling this year's London Marathon to give a further boost towards the £14,000 target.

George suffered pneumococcal meningitis as a baby and has been in

and out of hospital for much of his ten years.

"They thought he wouldn't live for six months but he's going strong," said Naomi on Saturday as George was being prepared to take on the course, with a little help, in his wheelchair.

Many of the mums and dads supporting their children for the fun run were out again on Saturday evening to raise even more money for the charity with an Elvis tribute night at the Colliton Club.

First home in the over 8s race was Sebastian Emery-Best, nine, who had warmed up for his one-lap lead earlier in the day by taking part in the Weymouth Park Run. First girl home was Olivia Phillips, also nine.



■ ON YOUR MARKS: The Easter Bunny issues race instructions



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Stone pier to undergo repair

WEYMOUTH'S Stone Pier is set to undergo minor maintenance works.

The works will be taking place on the stone pier's western groynne, involving the removal of loose render and respraying with concrete.

Works started on April 18th, with plans to finish by May 13th.

David Brown, Head of Assets and Infrastructure at Weymouth & Portland Borough Council, said: "These works will improve both the structural integrity of the pier as well as the appearance."

"While areas have to be cordoned off during these works we aim to keep disruption to a minimum and will maintain general public access along the pier."

Young joggers take part in junior park run

AROUND a hundred young runners took part in Weymouth's first Junior Park Run on Sunday morning.

The event, at Lodmoor Country Park, was run over a 2km course and will now be held every week aimed at those aged four to 14-years.

It is an offshoot of the Saturday morning Park Run, also at the park, which is run over a 5km distance.

And like the 5km route, young runners are encouraged to sign up online and get themselves a barcode which is used to record their runs.

Further information can be found at www.parkrun.org.uk/weymouth-juniors

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RECIPIENTS of the Rotary Pal Harris Fellowship award Chris Davies and David Brind

Top award for rotarians

TWO Dorchester Rotarians have been presented with honours for exemplary service to the organisation.

The Pal Harris Fellowship award, named after the founder of Rotary, has been presented to Casterbridge club president Chris Davies and Richard Brind.

Mr Davies presented the award to Mr Brind, unaware that he too was getting the award – presented to him by assistant governor Jane Redfern.

Said Diana Apps, of Casterbridge Rotary: "The club is indebted to Richard and Chris and is very proud to have two such deserving Rotarians to add to their number of Paul Harris Fellows."

Mr Brind has spent many years providing water systems to villages in Nepal, while President Chris Davies was given the honour for his work with Dorchester Youth Club.

Richard Brind is also involved in the management of the Youth Club.

The Rotary Foundation was formed in 1917 and aims to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs.

It is supported by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world.

Man jailed for attacking friend with metal pole

A MAN has been jailed for four years for hitting his friend in the face with a metal pole and attempting to hit a cyclist with a hammer during two separate incidents in Weymouth.

Jason Keith Breen, 41 and of no fixed abode, was sentenced at Bournemouth Crown Court on Monday, April 10th after pleading guilty at previous hearings to unlawful wounding and affray.

He was handed four years in prison for the unlawful wounding offence and two years for the affray, with both sentences to run concurrently.

The court heard that the unlawful wounding incident happened in the early hours of Thursday, January 19th 2017, just weeks after Breen had been charged in connection with the hammer incident.

Breen (pictured) and his 29-year-old victim, who were known to each other, left an address in Weymouth at around 6.15pm on Wednesday, January 18th to go into town.

Just after 1am the following day Dorset Police was called to reports of an incident between two men in the area of Spa Road and Radipole Park Drive.

Breen was described by witnesses as acting in an aggressive way toward the victim and had threatened him with a metal pole, the court heard.

Two taxi drivers stopped to

help the victim, who was found wearing only a pair of jogging bottoms and shoes. He had sustained significant injuries to his face.

One of the taxi drivers stayed with the victim while the second followed Breen.

Breen was found by officers walking along Radipole Park Drive with blood on his hands. He told officers he had fallen over, however, one of the taxi drivers confirmed that Breen was the suspect.

The victim was taken to Dorset County Hospital and received treatment for lacerations to his face and a broken nose.

The court was told the affray offence occurred at around 1.10pm on Thursday, October 20th 2016. The victim was cycling along Melcombe Avenue toward the junction with West-erhall Road when Breen suddenly ran at him wielding a hammer.

Breen swung the hammer twice at the cyclist with force. Fortunately the cyclist - a 50-year-old man from Dorchester - managed to avoid being hit and cycled away to safety. He was not physically injured.

Officers attended and arrested Breen nearby. He was released on police bail pending further enquiries and charged on Monday, December 12th 2016.



Detective Constable James Mullen, of Weymouth CID, said: "Breen was responsible for a vicious attack on his friend and it is fortunate that he was not more severely injured."

"He committed this offence even though he had been charged with affray after he armed himself with a hammer and attempted to hit an innocent cyclist as he rode through town."

"Dorset Police takes violence extremely seriously and we will thoroughly investigate such incidents."

"I would like to pay tribute to the two taxi drivers who came to the victim's aid and assisted officers to apprehend Breen at the scene and secure vital evidence."



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Volunteers needed for island youth club

THE Islanders Club for Young People is appealing for volunteers to join its management committee and board of trustees.

The club, based at East Weare Road, Portland, holds its annual general meeting on April 25th and would welcome inquiries prior to the meeting.

Those with an interest in supporting the group should contact Nick Pritchard, 07707422738, or email nickpritchard_1@hotmail.com

The club has recently received much needed local support in the shape of generous donations from The South Portland Working Men's Conservative Club and from an anonymous Portland businessman. In addition, The Codfather fish and chip shop in Weston is collecting throughout April for the club.

College wins excellence award for sport

BRINGING students together with their local community through sport has secured Weymouth College a national award for excellence.

The college received the Association of Colleges (AoC) Beacon Award for Sport in the Curriculum, sponsored by VTCT, an awarding organisation for technical and vocational qualifications.

Said South Dorset MP Richard Drax MP: "Sport is probably one of the most under-sung areas in the academic curriculum today. Yet sport is absolutely central to comradeship, friendship and courage and teaches you so much about life from a very young age."

"Those who go on to achieve in sport at the highest levels need the inspiration, help, guidance and training demonstrated by sports leaders such as yourselves from the earliest age."

Steve Frampton, Principal Portsmouth College and a Board member of the AoC, who spent his school years in Weymouth, asked to speak for all colleges within the national Association of Colleges in congratulating the Weymouth College team on winning the award for a second time.

He added that in a category, in which it is often hard to choose a winner, he was pleased to be able to say the college's submission had really stood out.

Following the presentation of the winner's certificate to Weymouth College's Martin Oliver, Runa McNamara, International Commercial Director, VTCT & ITEC said: "You should be very proud. You must be doing something exceptionally well to have won this coveted award more than once...you have made innovation a part of skills development and based your teaching and learning upon real interaction with the public, increasing learner confidence, attainment and employability."

The Sport Team welcomed Year 1 pupils from St John's CE VA Primary



■ **PRESENTATION of Beacon Award Certificate** – (left to right as viewed) **Martin Oliver, Richard Frampton and Runa McNamara**



■ **THE Weymouth College Level 3 (Year 1) Sports Development, Coaching and Fitness students with Year 1 Pupils from St John's Primary School**

School on the day in the College's Sports Hall for a celebratory session of team building and exercise activities.

Martin Oliver, Head of School for Sport and Public Services at Weymouth College, added: "It is a tremendous achievement from all students, staff, partners, local employers and everyone connected with Weymouth College."

"To receive National recognition for our curriculum in Sport and Public

Services is evidence of the outstanding provision that we offer which is great news for all past/present and prospective new students looking to progress into a career in Sport and Public Services."

"To win this Award for the second time in the last three years is unprecedented and I am very proud of the Sport and Public Services team for what it is a fantastic achievement."

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Fayre to support Virtual Doctors



THE work of "Virtual Doctors" in Zambia was supported by an Easter coffee morning in Dorchester.

Organised by the World Church the event took place in the United Church, South Street.

All proceeds from the event will help the work of the Virtual Doctors who carry out consultations and even oversee operations while using an online link to Zambia.

Attractions at the Dorchester event included guessing the weight of a spring hamper, home made food and crafts, tea, coffee, cakes and hot cross buns, a book stall and bric a brac.



■ ABOVE, Busy stalls at the World Church Easter coffee morning in Dorchester and right Veronica Boyden and granddaughter Eva selling Easter themed crafts

Carton recycling bank competition

DORSET Waste Partnership is giving away a year's garden recycling in a competition to increase the use of carton recycling "banks".

Three lucky winners will be chosen at the end of June.

All that is needed to enter is to put your name and phone number, or email, on cartons which are fed into recycling banks.

Dorset Waste Partnership say the carton banks are currently at risk of removal from car-parks because they are under-used and often contain incorrect items, such as glass or normal cardboard. DWP says it wants to maintain the carton bank service by increasing the amount of cartons being recycled and reducing the amount of incorrect items being placed in the banks.

One carton with contact details will be selected at random each month until the end of June and each winner will receive a year's garden waste collection service.

There will also be a selection of runner-up prizes and all entrants are being encouraged to share or post a photo of themselves recycling their cartons to the DWP's Facebook page and/or Recycle for Dorset Twitter account.

There is no limit to the amount of times anyone can enter, provided that the cartons used for entry can be recycled.

Cartons, such as those made by Tetra Pak, Elopak and SIG Combibloc, are used for food and drink packaging, such as juices, soup, milk and sauces. They are made from fibre, plastic and aluminium foil, so are recycled separately to cardboard and paper.

Gemma Clinton, Head of Service (Strategy) at the Dorset Waste Partnership, said: "While this competition is a bit of fun with some great prizes, our main goal is to raise awareness of the carton recycling banks that we have across the county."

Further details can be found at www.dorset-foryou.com/carton-competition

Police appeal after wheelchair stolen

OFFICERS are appealing for information after a wheelchair was stolen in Dorchester.

The wheelchair was taken from outside an address in the town centre between 1pm and 6pm on Wednesday, March 22nd.

The wheelchair, which was provided by the NHS and was being used by a local woman in her 50s, is an Active 2 model which is mainly black.

The head rest and back pillow were not on

the wheelchair when it was taken.

Following investigations, officers are now appealing to the public for any information regarding the wheelchair.

Police Constable Jackie Kearle, of Dorset Police, said: "This was a despicable offence as the victim relied on the wheelchair to get around."

"Having now had the opportunity to speak further with the victim, she has been provided

with a replacement by the NHS but the incident has caused her considerable distress.

"I would ask anyone with information about this incident or who comes across a wheelchair matching the description given to please contact me."

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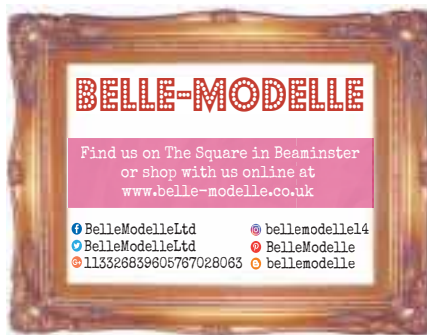
Belle-Modelle



BACK in September 2016 Belle Modelle opened its doors on Beamminster Square and has proved to be a very popular spot in the heart of the town. Owner Leila created her brand Belle-Modelle (beautiful design) when she discovered her passion for Interior design after appearing on BBC1's interior de-sign show 'Your home in their hands.' Since then she has launched the on-line store, showroom in Crewkerne and her personal interior design services to great success with her bohemian style and daring use of bold colours becoming her recognised signature style. Feeling the need for a high street presence, you can now pop into the shop to find a selection of colourful Furniture, Home décor, soft furnishings, Jewellery and ever growing clothing and shoe selection with new stock arriving daily from fashionable designers all over the country, and Europe. And to add another dimension, Belle Modelle has now launched Mini Belle, clothing for children aged 2 - 14yrs.

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Island bank to close

RICHARD Drax, MP for South Dorset, has described the decision of Lloyds Bank to close their Portland branch on July 3rd as "deeply regrettable".

"This is the last bank on Portland," he said. "Closing it means that customers will need to drive into Weymouth to do their banking. For most small businesses, that adds a daily, time consuming and vexatious trip to the mainland. For personal customers, it's yet another obstacle preventing any face to face contact with a bank teller at all."

"I understand that Lloyds is cutting jobs and branches nationally and that Portland is just one 100 branches to go. However, it seems obvious to me that when you serve a relatively isolated community, a decision like this can have far-reaching and detrimental consequences, especially for the elderly. The Bank has a responsibility to its customers which outweighs mere commercial concerns."

"I will be meeting with representatives of Lloyds Bank to talk this through."

Charity plant sale

A PLANT sale in aid of Julia's House Children's Hospice will be held at Scutt Hall, Sutton Road, Preston, on Saturday, April 29th.

The event, which will run from 10am-noon, will offer a host of plants at reasonable prices for all aspects of gardens, patios, tubs and baskets.

Refreshments will be available. Entry to the event is free, but donations to Julia's House will be much appreciated.

Home safety talk

VISITORS to Dorchester's Evergreens Social Group at Age UK next Wednesday, April 26th, will hear tips and advice on keeping safe at home.

The presentation takes place at 1.45pm at the charity's Prince of Wales Road headquarters and is open to anyone.

Hilary Foggo will be hosting an afternoon of straightforward tips and advice from how to avoid those unnecessary accidents in the kitchen to dealing with people selling door to door and cold callers on the telephone.

Jake Moore from the Dorset Police Crime Prevention will also be talking about cyber-crime prevention and making you feel safer using your home computer.

Mrs Foggo said: "We want to make the afternoon interesting and informative and will be looking at all aspect of home safety. We also want to engage everyone in the discussion, because you never know someone may come up with something we hadn't thought about."

Tea and biscuits will be available for £1.50.

Charity concert

THE HMS Heron band will be playing in Dorchester's Corn Exchange next Wednesday, April 26th at 7.30pm in aid of the town's Disabled Club.

Tickets for the 'Last Night of the Proms' event cost £10 and are available from Active Mobility, Paceycombe Way, Poundbury.

Youth club resumes

STRATTON Youth Club will be back in action this week after taking a break for Easter.

Normal activities will resume on April 26th from 7pm - 9pm in Village Hall for 10-18-year-olds. £1 per person, per evening, during term time.

For further details call 07799 408574.

Owls become webcam stars

DORSET Wildlife Trust (DWT) is celebrating the return of its popular live webcam, as two barn owls have taken up residence and are sitting on four eggs at the Lorton Reserve in Weymouth.

It has attracted viewers from all over the globe 24 hours a day.

The webcam is sponsored by Dorset Tea.

The webcam was first installed in 2010 and has featured breeding pairs of barn owls, kestrels and tawny owls in previous years.

This April, DWT is pleased to see two barn owls return to the nest box, much to the delight of the dedicated fans watching day and night.

DWT's Communications Officer, Sally Welbourn said: "We were all disappointed last year when no one took up residence in the barn owl box at Lorton, so this is such an exciting time and the webcam is a great way for everyone to follow their progress. Once the eggs have hatched, they



won't leave the nest until they have all their plumage and are at least nine-10-weeks-old; they could continue to roost in the box for another 25 weeks, so we have a few months ahead to watch them grow and develop.

"Barn owls are now a rare sight in the countryside, and the future for these birds is uncertain, which makes this webcam even more special."

Lisa Worthington from Dorset Tea said, "We are delighted to sponsor the Dorset Wildlife Trust's Barn

Own Nestbox Webcam.

"We feel lucky to live in such a beautiful county where the wildlife is so abundant and we want people to enjoy this at the same time as savouring our tea which is inspired by life in Dorset."

The nest box is occupied for about 10 months of the year, as after the chicks have left, the male returns throughout the winter to roost, which will be shown live on-screen in the Lorton Meadows Conservation Centre, Lorton Lane, Weymouth.

To watch the webcam visit www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/raptorcam, where you can also enjoy a webcam on the Brownsea Island lagoon.



YOUNGSTERS in Weymouth have been taking part in a Jurassic Egg Hunt.

The competition was hosted by Weymouth BID which also staged a Dino Day on Saturday.

The Jurassic Egg Hunt will continue until April 23rd with the young explorers following a trail of clues around the town to find 'Jurassic Dino Eggs' and solve a riddle to discover where a very rare 'T-Rex Egg' has been hidden.

Entrants need to complete and return their trail form by Monday, April 24th to be in with a chance of winning a bag full of Easter goodies.

Trail forms can be downloaded at <http://www.weareweymouth.co.uk/uploads/Jurassic-Egg-Hunt-Trail-Form-2017-Final-Print-Version.pdf>

Pictured are the Bennett Family from Cheam, Surrey enjoying taking part in Weymouth's Jurassic Egg Hunt (Supplied by Weymouth BID).

Blooming great Easter fun



DORCHESTER'S Brewery Square was packed to bursting point on Good Friday for Children's TV entertainer Mr Bloom.

Mr Bloom, played by Ben Faulks, is a gardener who helps children to get involved and inspired by nature.

His three quarters of an hour performance kept young and old amused - helped by the good weather and an audience that seemed to know all the songs and punch lines.

And for some lucky 'Tiddlers' there was also the chance for a meet and greet with Mr Bloom

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after the show - won by entering a 'Welly Squiggle' competition.

Brewery Square also hosted a free Easter Egg Hunt over the Easter weekend for children up to 15-years-old.

Centre manager at Brewery Square Charlotte Spracklen said: "We are all very excited about the arrival of Mr Bloom...We hope to make 2017 our biggest year full of exciting events and we can't wait to share some more information about what's in store for 2017."



■ MR Bloom entertains the crowds at Dorchester's Brewery Square during the Easter weekend

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Share your memories of Lodmoor Country Park

THE Friends of Lodmoor Country Park are appealing for memories and old photographs of the area.

They are inviting anyone with stories to share, or those wanting to find out about the park's creation, to join them on their "Walk and Talk" on Sunday, April 23rd.

The gentle figure-of-eight stroll around the country park will start at 11am, where the miniature railway crosses the Events Area track.

Although the park is less than 25-years-old it is now a valued part of the protected Lorton Valley

Nature Park corridor to the coast.

Further details are available on 01305 772075.

The Friends of Lodmoor Country Park are also holding a "Name Your Dogs" competition, closing on April 30th.

People are invited to submit names for the five newly created park dog symbols, which will be labelled with the winning entries.

Enter (as often as you like) via The Friends of Lodmoor Country Park Facebook page, by TEXT to 07896545449 or in writing c/o 62 Weymouth Bay Avenue.

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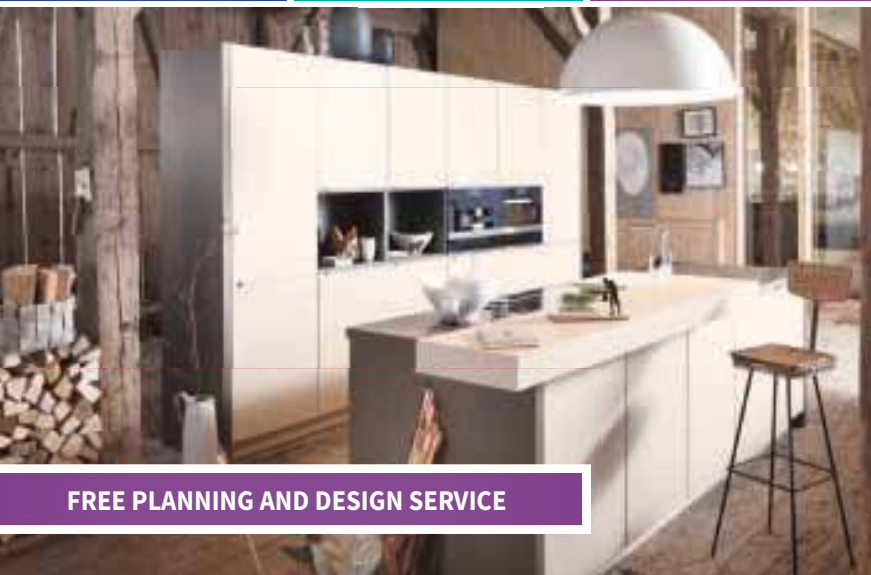
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OLIVER Avery, five, decorating a biscuit

Easter family fun at Portland Museum

SUNSHINE brought visitors out in force when Portland Museum held its annual Easter Family Fun Time event.

There was biscuit decorating, a tombola, community mural art, face painting, an Easter trail and a chance to make Easter egg holders with a chocolate Easter egg.

Museum manager Lisa Gravett said: "We had people queuing to get in before we were even open!"

"The day was a huge success and raised money towards our latest project to create a

new outdoor exhibition using masonry from the remains of the old St Andrew's Church.

"We hope to set up new interpretation boards about the history of the church and what type of carving can be seen.

"We will also be sorting out different types of carving into different areas, placing grave-stones together and architectural pieces together.

"Work will start on recording stone this year and we hope to start major work on the display in 2018 depending on funding."



OLIVE Paterson, five, makes an Easter egg holder

Beach clean volunteers needed

VOLUNTEERS are needed for the 28th Annual Great Dorset Beach Clean at 22 local beaches between this Thursday, April 20th, and Sunday 23rd.

"Beach cleans are free, fun and very worthwhile. 800 bags of litter were collected during last year's Great Dorset Beach Clean with 700 volunteers and

20 different organisations taking part.

"The Great Dorset Beach Clean is an event for all ages. Each event only lasts up to two hours but helps make a lasting impact to our coast," said Matilda Manley, Litter Free Coast and Sea Project Coordinator.

The team is also encourag-

ing people to take part in their "Litter Free Day Out" challenge over the holidays - helping prevent litter getting to the coast in the first place.

Full details of the beaches involved and the dates and times of each clean can be found on the website at www.litter-freecoastandsea.co.uk/litter-free-coast-and-sea-week.



Weymouth Matters

A personal View by HARRY WALTON

Fairy lights to make a comeback?

WHAT goes around comes around and local strength of feeling has helped resurrect fairy lights back on to Weymouth seafront...well almost!

The old and much loved fairy lights were scrapped to make way for the infamous laser lighting scheme, a striking idea but a facility which only works to its best when there is a little something in the air such as drizzle, mist or smoke to reflect the laser beams.

Now fairy lights could be brought back to the seafront on the back of extra Government cash for a programme of Dorset coastal improvements.

Fortunately we are going to get modern versions of the old fairy lights which, while very

pretty, did have a distressingly high mortality rate for light bulbs, so much so that it was rare to see the colourful strings without a few "gap teeth" lights which had blown.

What always seems to be forgotten is that Weymouth is a seaside town and the key word in that statement is "sea".

Put anything with a metal element anywhere near the sea and you are bound to expose it to salt corrosion with rust taking its toll on working parts.

So let us hope that we restore the happy spirit of the fairy lights but with the most efficient versions possible bearing mind in the vagaries of an English summer – and winter – and all the storms the lights will have to cope with.

It beggars belief!

POLICE in Weymouth and Portland have joined colleagues elsewhere in a national crackdown on motorists using mobile phones while driving, but what about maps?

You'd think no-one in their right mind would try to read a map while driving along but I recently met two drivers doing just that, one in Southill and one in town.

If there can be degrees of danger for such folly then the Southill one was the worst be-

cause he was going the faster of the two, at least 25mph.

It means that his car was covering 100ft in three seconds, more than enough time to kill someone or himself.

I know police will take an equally dim view of drivers using maps as they do mobile phones but it still beggars belief that drivers feel confident enough that they can remain in control while unfurling a few square yards of paper over their dashboard and windscreen.

Let's hope we see a few more bobbies on the beat

IT was a blazing row in the middle of St Mary Street between two dubious members of Weymouth's growing presence of "street" people.

The mid-morning difference of opinion essentially involved one irate man telling another that he had better stop interfering with his thought processes and that he would be grateful if the other man would go away and procre-

ate or he might be forced to ventilate his stomach.

Naturally that is not precisely what was said which went something like: "***** well stop ***** messing with me head. **** off right now or I'll ***** stab you in the guts".

A delightful grasp of early 21st Century folk language but perhaps not what town centre shoppers – there

were many families nearby with children – wanted to hear as they went about their business.

Unfortunately this wasn't the first such incident in recent weeks and I'm sure it won't be the last, something I'm equally sure police officers would have dealt with....only there wasn't a police officer in sight.

Out of idle interest I walked through

to St Thomas Street and there wasn't a single police officer there although I did see a patrol car parked on the seafront.

Let us all hope that the much publicised increase in the police council tax precept leads to a few more visible police town centre street patrols to at least check this sort of unwelcome behaviour.



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EVERY MIND MATTERS

by Abi Jackson, Press Association

MENTAL health awareness has come a long way in recent years. But it can still feel like a humongous - sometimes impossible - step to actually ask for help when you're struggling.

"Talking about any aspect of our health can be difficult, even if it's physical," says Lucy Lyus, information manager at mental health charity, Mind. "It is becoming much more normal to talk about mental health, but we don't really know the words sometimes, or we might think people won't understand, or that we're weird."

But while it can be understandably very difficult to take that first step, doing so is usually a huge relief.

"Once people realise they can be helped," says Lyus, "even if they think, 'Oh, I'm not as unwell as that person', and that perhaps stopped them from getting help for a long time, people do talk of this massive sense of relief."

DO I DESERVE HELP? - One in four people in the UK will experience a mental health problem each year, and according to a study published in The Lancet in 2013, mental health is one of the main causes of overall disease burden globally. In Britain, mixed anxiety and depression is the most commonly diagnosed mental health problem, affecting 7.8% of the population, and is believed to account for a fifth of lost work days.

But struggles can be hidden too - people might not take time off work, might be keeping up appearances on social media and, on the surface, appear relatively fine.

Things like denial, fear of judgement - or even just fear of what will happen if you start dropping some of those plates or open the floodgates, so to speak - can play a part. But there can also be uncertainty as to whether people 'qualify' for professional help, whether their problems are worthy of a doctor's time, when there are other people much worse off.

NO PROBLEM TOO SMALL - Lyus is adamant that, just as everybody deserves good physical health, everybody deserves good mental health. "No problem is too small or unimportant. And it doesn't matter whether you think you need a diagnosis or not, if you're finding things are getting in the way of how you want to live your life and it's been going on for a while, then it really is better to try and seek help, and not worry about putting on a brave face," she says.

She acknowledges people can sometimes be disappointed with the outcome of plucking up the courage to talk to their GP; postcode lotteries and funding shortages mean sometimes waiting lists for talking therapies, including counselling, can be very long. This is something Mind

is campaigning about, along with better training for GPs and practice nurses around handling conversations about mental health.

"We want to make sure there is choice for everyone, in terms of getting the treatment that's right for them. So for everyone who builds up the courage to go to their GP, there are meaningful options available to them afterwards," says Lyus. "Antidepressants can be fantastic for some people, but they're not appropriate for everyone."

FINDING THE WORDS - Acknowledging you need support is one thing, but getting through the GP surgery door and finding the words can be quite another. Mind's 'Find the Words' tool - an online resource for both people visiting their doctor or nurse, as well as those working in GP practices and primary care commissioners - is designed to help with this very thing. "This is a campaign we've done to try and give people the tools to start the conversation with their GP, so lots of tips and advice on how to prepare for that first appointment, how to say what you want to say, and know your options afterwards," explains Lyus.

And if talking to your GP really isn't what you want to do, "talking to anyone is a really good thing to do".

"That could be a friend, a colleague, a family member. Someone you trust, who you know will listen non-judgmentally, just so you're not feeling like you've got to suffer in silence," she says. "If you don't have that sort of person in their immediate life, we find a lot of people find online support forums really useful, especially if you're struggling to get out, or if you just don't have that network. Mind's 'Elefriends' online community's has about 60,000 users now."

BREAKING BARRIERS - The more we talk about our mental health, notes Lyus, the "more normal it becomes" - and that applies to each and every one of us. Because recognising your mental health needs is as important, relevant - and indeed normal - as recognising your physical health needs.

"We are finding that the stigma is lessening, attitudes are shifting and people are getting more accepting about it," she adds, though there are still "some exceptions".

"But fortunately, there are people out there who are doing wonderful work to show that it is quite normal.

"We all have mental health," says Lyus, "so we need to remember that having a mental health problem is very common. We all need support from time to time."

• Want some help finding the words to talk about your own mental health? Visit www.mind.org.uk/findthewords

Susan Gale

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More of Modern Millie

WE BEGAN the story of *Thoroughly Modern Millie* in last week's edition, and now we continue it, in the laundry room at the Hotel Priscilla. Chinese immigrants Ching Ho (Ian Styles) and Bun Foo (Kelly Apps), are reluctantly helping the evil Mrs Meers (Tracey Wakeling) with her dastardly deeds in an effort to raise enough money to bring their ageing Mother to New York, from Hong Kong. Ching Ho is told by Mrs Meers to take a drugged apple as a welcome snack to the new girl, Miss Dorothy (Alex Best) but on seeing her, falls in love with her instantly and can't bring himself to give it to her.

Meanwhile, Millie (Jodie Glover, pictured right) goes to 'Sincere Trust' not only looking for a job, but also with the aim of bagging the company's boss, the smooth and sophisticated Mr Trevor Graydon (Ben Malone).

After being receiving an initial, somewhat frosty reception, from the stern and stuffy office manager Miss Flannery, (Anita Routley) Millie's lightning-speed stenography skills easily land her a job.

Excitedly, she returns to the Hotel Priscilla to share her good news with her new friend Miss Dorothy and the other 'Priscilla girls' Alice (Louise Rawlins) Ruth (Freya Hester) Cora (Amelia Mundy) Rita (Elaine Street) Lucille (Tracey Wood) and Gloria (Trudy Robson.)

In celebration, they all head out for the evening in search of a speakeasy, but after trawling the streets with no success they decide to give up and head home. By chance, they happen to bump into Jimmy Smith (Cameron Love) who is surprised to see Millie again – and after some persuasion, agrees to show them the best place in town. Their

enjoyment is short lived as there is a police raid and they all end up spending the night in the cells. It is whilst he's here, that Jimmy realises that he actually loves Millie.

The following morning, Jimmy decides to ask Millie to a party hosted by the charismatic and wealthy singer Muzzy van Hossmere (Sarah Causley). After the party, Millie tells Jimmy about her plans to marry her boss. He finds this hard to listen to and they argue. She accuses him of being a skirt chaser and womaniser, but as the argument reaches its peak, Jimmy suddenly grabs Millie and kisses her, then runs away.

Millie then realises that she actually loves Jimmy. A happy ending right there you might think? Not quite, as on returning to the Hotel Priscilla she sees Jimmy leaving Miss Dorothy's room, after what appears to be, a late night rendezvous. Poor Millie is left confused and heartbroken.

The plot thickens! Will there be a happy ending? More of the story in next week's edition!

Thoroughly Modern Millie is a musical based on the film of the same name. The show opened on Broadway in 2002 and subsequently went on to win six Tony awards including Best Musical.

The professional show is currently touring the UK starring Joanne Clifton of *Strictly Come Dancing* fame in the lead role – but why travel to see it when you can watch it right here in Lyme Regis!

Featuring an array of talented local performers, Lyme Regis Musical Theatre bring *Thoroughly Modern Millie* to the Marine Theatre from Tuesday, May 9th – Saturday, May 13th, nightly at 7.30pm.

Tickets are on sale now from Serendip, Broad Street, Lyme Regis, and by calling 01297 442594. Tickets are £12 for Tuesday, and £15 for Wednesday to Saturday.



■ Jodie Glover plays Millie

The sound of Count Basie's coming to town



SWING Unlimited All Stars Big Band will bring their tribute to Count Basie to Lyme Regis Jazz & Blues Weekend next month.

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Viral sensation Laura Lexx set to headline Comedy Cafe

WESTCOUNTRY rising star and critically acclaimed comedian Laura Lexx will headline next month's Comedy Cafe show at the Bridport Arts Centre.

The May comedy cafe will showcase one of the comedy circuit's brightest new stars, Laura Lexx, who made national news recently after a clip of her tackling a heckler went viral. Originally from Somerset, the charmingly funny Laura Lexx has soared through the comedy ranks and developed into a masterful storyteller and ever engaging performer.

After rave reviews for her first Edinburgh Festival solo show in 2015, praised for her 'comedic steel' by *The Guardian*, the delightfully middle class Laura Lexx has gone from strength to strength.

Her clipped RP accent and warm friendly persona immediately disarms any audience but, as her recent viral hit suggests, she's not to be messed with. Laura is the perfect fit for the Bridport Arts Centre crowd tackling every aspect of her charmed cosy coastal life from living with her husband to what a means to be a woman in 21st century Britain.

Opening the show will be former South Coast Comedian of

the Year Mike Cox. Mike has received high praise from some of the country's best loved acts and is recognised for his everyman persona that he combines with a surreal outlook and unique viewpoints on trick subject matters. Dubbed as the next Rob Beckett by one leading reviewer, Mike has a relaxed friendly air to his act that makes him a favourite with almost every audience.

Completing the line up will be musical comic Josh Elton. Hailing from the Welsh valleys, Josh combines jokes and observations with comic songs, and is not afraid to take on any subject matter in order to make is political points.

Regular compere Tom Glover will host the show and share his latest musings on westcountry life.

The BAC Comedy Cafe will be at 8pm on Wednesday, May 3rd. Tickets are £8 adults/£6 concessions and available from the arts centre box office on 01308 424204.



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Your guide to local live music

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Live Gigs

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Jake Leg Jug Band
8pm. £11.

Corn Exchange, Dorchester
Stacey Kent
8pm. £22/£20.

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Sunday 23 April
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TOP 10

Top Ten Artist Sales of Preloved Vinyl for week ending Saturday, April 15th compiled by Clocktower Music Bridport

1. Rush
2. The Beatles
3. Simon & Garfunkel
4. Bob Marley
5. 10cc
6. Eagles
7. Elliott Smith
8. Led Zeppelin
9. Depeche Mode
10. Ugly Duckling

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Taking it to the Maxwell



■ The Maxwell Quartet

BRINGING bright young talent to rural audiences in Devon, Dorset and Somerset is what Concerts in the West is all about, and the May concert series, featuring the brilliant and exhilarating Maxwell Quartet, will certainly blow any residual winter cobwebs away.

These four young musicians, who met while they were still students at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland in 2010, were Residency Artists for Enterprise Music Scotland 2011-2013, during which time they earned a reputation for delighting audiences during their Scottish concert tours. Reviews of their performances described them as having 'panache and conviction' (*Strathearn Herald*) and 'unaffected enthusiasm' (*North Highland Times*).

A packed concert diary has certainly kept the Quartet busy

with an acclaimed series of the late Schubert Quartets at Perth Concert Hall in Scotland, as well as a season-long residency at St Anne's College, Oxford. They have appeared at many festivals, too, including the Cottier Chamber Project, Lammernmuir Festival, BBC Chamber Music Proms and the SOUND Festival.

The Maxwell Quartet comprises Colin Scobie (violin), George Smith (violin), Elliott Perks (violin), and Duncan Strachan (cello).

Colin Scobie, who is already established as one of the most creative and compelling violinists and chamber musicians of his generation.

George Smith, who founded the Maxwell Quartet, is a top class violinist who performs across the UK and further afield as a chamber musician, soloist and Scots fiddle player.

Elliott Perks studied at the

Yehudi Menuhin School, has taken part in numerous concerts as a soloist and chamber musician, performing in top London venues such as the Wigmore Hall and Royal Festival Hall.

Duncan Strachan began learning cello at the age of four and has since gone on to play as a soloist, performing concertos by Haydn, Schumann and Elgar.

The programme for the concerts features Ravel's String Quartet In F; Britten's String Quartet No 2 In C Op. 36; and Bartók's String Quartet No 4 Sz91.

The Maxwell Quartet perform at Coffee Concert at Bridport Arts Centre on Friday, May 5th from 11am-12noon. Tickets are £10, available from the box office on 01308 424204 or email info@bridport-arts.com, or online at www.bridport-arts.com.

X Factor Star
Sam Bailey set to wow Weymouth

THIS YEAR, former X factor winner and gold-selling artist Sam Bailey is delighting fans up and down the country on her 'Sing My Heart Out' Tour and on Friday, May 5th, she will be wowing audiences at Weymouth's Pavilion with her powerhouse vocals.

Following a successful second album of the same name, Sam is back with her 32-date 'Sing My Heart Out' tour, stopping at some of nation's most prestigious live music venues, including Pavilion.

Speaking about her new tour, Sam says "For me, nothing is more rewarding than getting the chance to share my music with my fans live. My fans are so diverse, so there's something for everyone from ballads to dance track and poppy numbers. There's nothing worse than an album or show where every song is the same. Pavilion is such a terrific venue, and I've always had such great support from my Weymouth fans, I'm really looking to giving them my thanks by giving them an incredible live show."

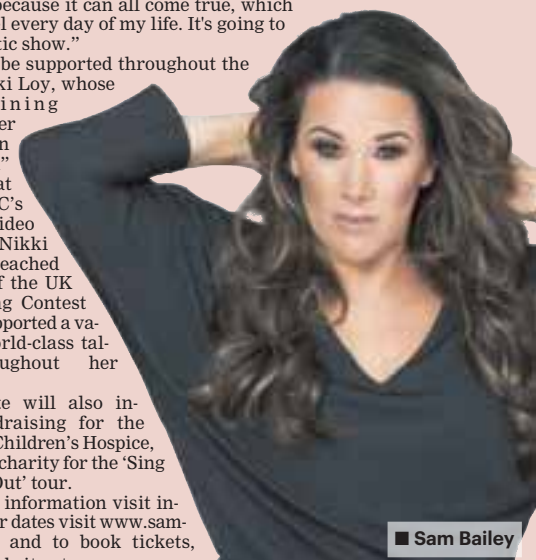
Staying grounded throughout her meteoric rise from prison guard to musical star, Sam has always been eager to give other artists a boost on the path to success. Sam has given local rising star Tom Bartam the exclusive and potentially life-changing opportunity to perform as her support act on Friday, May 5th.

Tom, who will be performing as Sam's support said "It is a pleasure to be invited to open for Sam, she is a phenomenal vocalist with great stage presence along with having a number one single and number one album, so it truly is a privilege. She is an inspiration to all to never stop dreaming because it can all come true, which is how I feel every day of my life. It's going to be a fantastic show."

Sam will be supported throughout the tour by Niki Loy, whose award-winning video for her single "Can I Keep You" featured at the BBC's Music Video Festival. Nikki has also reached the final of the UK Songwriting Contest and has supported a variety of world-class talent throughout her career.

Each date will also include fundraising for the Rainbows Children's Hospice, the chosen charity for the 'Sing My Heart Out' tour.

For more information visit including tour dates visit www.sam-bailey.com and to book tickets, visit the website at weymouthpavilion.com or call the Box Office on 01305 783225.



■ Sam Bailey

Rockin' In The
Summertime

MUNGO JERRY frontman Ray Dorset will be accompanying the Sand Band at this year's Guitars on the Beach (GotB), to play along to his hit single 'In The Summertime'.

The iconic number-one single has been chosen as the record attempt song at this year's guitarist gathering, taking place on Saturday, June 17th on the beach in Lyme Regis.

As usual there will be many bands coming to entertain throughout the day, including Bitter Sweet Harmony, DeltaTango7, Slinky Machine, and closing act Shoot the Moon, among others. All the bands and performers give their time for free, and this year's GotB will be supporting the Music for all Charity which helps people get started in music.

As always Guitars on the Beach has its costs and whilst the event has many generous sponsors, organisers are still looking for further support. The event is free for all to come and enjoy with friends and family, but if you can donate for a great day out, please visit the web page at www.guitarsonthebeach.com



■ Ray Dorset

Quangle Wangle to
give Abbotsbury
afternoon concert

THE Friends of St Nicholas, Abbotsbury will present an afternoon concert by The Quangle Wangle Choir on Sunday, May 14th from 3-4pm in St Nicholas Church. The programme is wide ranging and fun. The choir, who sing unaccompanied and from memory, was started by music teacher Juliet Harwood from a group of friends in the 90s and now number about 50. They are in great demand and have sung here and in France, from weddings to concerts and for the cruise ships on Portland.

The Friends of St Nicholas comprise a group of people both secular and religious with a particular interest in the fate of the historic C15 grade 1 listed village church. To this end they raise funds to help maintain the fabric of the building.

Tickets are available now from the box office 01305 8715329cheque/cash only) or on the door. Ticket prices are advance Adults £5, Children £3, Family (2+2) £15 - or £6, £4, £18 on the door.

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Sunday's mean only one thing... Carvery! Greens Restaurant has established a fabulous reputation for one of the best carvery's in the area. With a choice of three succulent local meats and all the trimmings at just £10 per person, the carvery represents excellent value for money. It's served every Sunday from 12:30-3pm and booking is essential.

The first class catering at Greens restaurant, coupled with the outstanding views across the bay from the course, make it the ideal location and the perfect place to hold your private event, party, function, or wedding. The professional approach, attention to detail and friendly staff will ensure that your private function or party will be one to remember. All budgets can be catered for and bespoke packages arranged. Wedding menus will be tailor made by Steve who will work closely with you to produce a menu that you love and that fits to your budget.

The dining room and lounge areas all overlook the golf course and there is easy access to the south-facing patio area throughout the year, which gives members and visitors alike the opportunity to enjoy al-fresco dining in the open air during the warmer months.



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Selection of cheeses, crusty baguette, £9.50
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green salad

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Steve Davis and Kavus Torabi announced for Bestival line-up

STEVE DAVIS and Kavus Torabi will be joining this year's vibrant Bestival line-up!

The venerable Steve Davis might possibly be more familiar as the most successful snooker player of the 80s, but has long held a passion for left of centre sounds, ranging from French avant-prog right up to a filthy bit of techno. DJing partner Kavus Torabi is no slouch either when it comes to far out behaviour, having wielded a six-string for an array of wildly experimental

bands, including Knifeworld, The Monsoon Bassoon, Guapo, Cardiacs and Gong.

Commenting on their performance, Steve Davis said: "It's a great buzz to have been invited to play at such an established and highly respected festival. Our eclectic mix of genres will hopefully prick up a few ears! Nowhere else will you hear prog bangers mixed up with quality techno!"

As well as co-presenting a cult Phoenix FM show together, fear-

less psychedelic marauders Steve & Kavus like nothing more than taking crowds into the unknown with a deep mix of experimental, avant-garde, prog, electronic, pop, folk, psych, rock and classical music. So, if an expansive musical selection floats your boat, be sure to head to brand new venue, the Frozen Mole on Saturday for an off-the-wall dancefloor trip.

For more details, and for further updates, visit www.bestival.net

New Elizabethan Singers' concert rescheduled

THE New Elizabethan Singers had intended to perform Handel's 'Israel in Egypt' in January but very tragic events caused the concert to be postponed. It has now been rescheduled and will take place in St. Swithun's Church, Allington, Bridport on Saturday 20th May, starting at 7.30pm.

'Israel in Egypt', perhaps Handel's most popular work after 'Messiah' tells the story of Israel's Exodus from Egypt.

Part 1 is a dramatic musical depiction of rivers of blood, plagues of frogs, blisters, flies, lice, locusts, hailstorms and darkness, the miraculous parting of the Red Sea and the escape of the Israelites. In Part 2, the Israelites give thanks and praise to God for

their deliverance. It may be a somewhat one-sided account but the music is spectacular.

The New Elizabethan Singers will be joined by professional soloists and accompanied by an orchestra that includes a period brass section.

Tickets bought for the original concert will, of course, be accepted or are available from Goadsby or Bridport Music, both in South St, price £12, (under 18s free).

For more information, please contact 07528 105977 or visit the website at thenewelizabethansingers.org.uk/concerts

VIEW 2 THE BIG SCREEN

This week's releases

THE ZOOKEEPER'S WIFE ^{12A}

THE Zookeeper's Wife tells the account of keepers of the Warsaw Zoo, Antonina and Jan Zabinski, who helped save hundreds of people and animals during the German invasion.

Stars Jessica Chastain, Johan Heldenbergh and Daniel Brühl.

UNFORGETTABLE ^{12A}

A WOMAN sets out to make life hell for her ex-husband's new wife.

Thriller starring Rosario Dawson, Katherine Heigl and Geoff Stults.

THEIR FINEST ^{12A}

A BRITISH film crew attempts to boost morale during World War II by making a propaganda film after the Blitzkrieg.

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Mon-Thu: 14.15, 17.00

Fast and Furious ^{8 12A}

Fri-Tue, Thu: 13.15, 16.45, 20.00

Wed: 15.45, 20.00

Peppa Pig: My First Cinema Experience ^U

Fri-Sun: 12.45, 15.00

Smurfs: The Lost Village ^U

Fri-Sun: 12.30, 15.00

The Boss Baby ^U

Fri-Sun: 11.30, 14.00

The Zookeeper's Wife ^{12A}

Fri-Sun: 17.30, 20.15

Mon-Thu: 13.45, 20.15

Their Finest ^{12A}

Fri-Tue, Thu: 17.45, 20.45

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Diary Dates

UNTIL WEDNESDAY APRIL 26TH

LYME REGIS: Walk of Art showcases paintings by Sue Lewin and Kathy Scott and bronze resin sculptures by Toni West that explore their shared fascination with coastal walks and countryside paths. Open daily 10.30-4.00. Free admission. The Courtyard Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU

LYME REGIS: In an exhibition called Triple Vision, photographers John Marriage, Moya Paul and Dave Wicken experiment with the photographic image and process, using colour and digital constructions to produce an abstracted and playful sideways look at the world. Open daily 10.30-4.00. Free admission. The Malthouse Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU

WEDNESDAY APRIL 19TH

EYPE, NEAR BRIDPORT: West Dorset Decorative & Fine Arts Society lecture. 'Vivaldi in Venice' speaker Peter Medhurst. At Highlands End Leisure Centre, 2.30pm. For more details call 01297 443615.

DORCHESTER: Antiques Market in Dorset. An entertaining talk by Matthew Denney from Duke's Auctioneers of Dorchester. At St George's Church Hall, 7.30pm. Tickets £8, to include Dorset apple cake and coffee. Wine and drinks will be available to buy, available from The Gilded Teapot, Tudor Arcade, or by calling 01305 262436 or 265432. In aid of The Children's Society.

DORCHESTER: Dorchester Community Church in Acland Road invite you to come to their coffee pop-in. You are welcome to come any time between 9.30 am and 12 noon and enjoy a drink and a rest from your shopping. There is also a stall selling handcrafted cards and other items, proceeds go to the Dorcas Wessex Trust.

THURSDAY APRIL 20TH

BRIDPORT: Bridport & District Gardening Club meeting at the Women's Institute Hall, North Street, 7.30pm. Speaker Joy Michaud on 'Choosing the Right Vegetable Variety'.

BURTON BRADSTOCK: History of Burton Bradstock guided walk with Elizabeth Gale. Meet at the Playing Field at 10am. Two hours level walking. Cost £4 each in aid of Rotary Charities.

FRIDAY APRIL 21st

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club talk. Speaker Stu Culley, commercial photographer, photographic tutor and freelance videographer. At Woodmead Halls DT7 3PG.

BRIDPORT: Jumble Sale at Bridport United Church Hall, 10am. Organised by Askerswell. For more details call 01308 485225.

SATURDAY APRIL 22nd

WEYMOUTH: Friends of Weymouth Library present 'Paul Atterbury on Antiques'. More details from The Secretary 01305 832613.

Booking advisable as space is limited in the library. Reserve a place at the library desk, payment on booking where possible.

BEAMINSTER: Organ recital by John Challenger, Assistant Director of Music at Salisbury Cathedral at St. Mary's Church, Beaminster at 3pm. Tickets £12 from the Yarn Barton Centre, Fleet Street, Beaminster or Bridport Music, South Street or at the door. For more details call 01308 456297.

BOTHENHAMPTON: Cream tea in the Holy Trinity Church, 3-4.30pm. Delicious home-made cakes or scones with jam and cream as well as a hot drink. Cost £3. Optional village walk of 1.5-2miles, please meet at the church steps at 2.30pm.

SUNDAY APRIL 23rd

LODERS: Lodgers Young Players annual bumper jumble sale at Lodgers Village Hall, 2-4pm. Tea and homemade cakes available. This charity subsidises local children in various sports and both parents and children will be helping on the day. Jumble donations are also welcome, contact 01308 420767.

MONDAY APRIL 24th

BRIDPORT: 'The Wildlife and Ecology of the Exe Estuary and the Jurassic Coast' - talk by Rod Lawrence. At Bridport United Church Hall, East Street, 7.30pm. Presented by the Golden Cap Association (West Dorset). Members of the public welcome. Admission £3. Includes tea or coffee and biscuits. For more details call 01308 863577.

EYPE, NEAR BRIDPORT: Aqua fit sessions at Highland's End swimming pool, 10.30am, followed by Babies and Toddlers sessions at 11.30. More details from Penny Yarnold on 07970 879047.

TUESDAY APRIL 25TH

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Chair-based Exercise. WI Hall, George Street. 10.15am. For more details call 01308 426390.

LYME REGIS: The Lyme Regis Society is hosting its AGM and a Talk by our President: Keith Shaw entitled 'The Warings and South Cliff' on Tuesday 25th April at 2.30pm, Woodmead Halls. All Welcome. Free for Members of Lyme Regis Society, U3A and Friends of the Museum. Visitors £3.00

BRIDPORT: One day special - Early Migration to North America 1600s to 1780, including early settlers in Virginia, New England, West Indies, Plantations, Indentured Servants and Slavery. Marsh Barn Farm, Burton Rd. Bridport, from 10.00 - 4.00, bring lunch, coffee and tea provided. Cost £30.00. For more information contact Jane on 01308 425710 or email: jferentzi@aol.com

WEDNESDAY APRIL 26TH

MARTINSTOWN: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 426390.

DORCHESTER: Dorchester Community Church in Acland Road invite you to come to their coffee pop-in. You are welcome to come any time between 9.30 am and 12 noon and enjoy a drink and a rest from your shopping. There is also a stall selling handcrafted cards and other items, proceeds go to the Dorcas Wessex Trust.

UPLYME: Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society monthly talk in Uplyme Village Hall at 7.30pm will be on "What to do with an overgrown garden", given by a speaker from the Gardens Group - so if the garden has already got away this Spring, this may help! There will also be the Chairman's Bulb competition - bring along a pot of flowering bulbs, or a vase of flowers from bulbs, to show how well you have done this year. Tea and coffee, plus biscuits, will be available to buy - members free, visitors £3.

MARTINSTOWN: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall, 11am. For more details call 01308 426390.

BRIDPORT: Bridport Camera Club talk by Penny and Spike Piddock, "Muck to Magic", underwater photography and cultural belief in the Philippines and Indonesia. 7.30pm Chancery House, Bridport DT6 3JT. The club is always happy to welcome new members. For details please phone the Club Secretary on 01308 482658.

DORCHESTER: 'How to keep safe in your own home' talk by Hilary Fogg on the Evergreens Social Group at Age UK Dorchester. 1.45pm. Everyone welcome. Admission £1.50 to include tea and biscuits. For more details call 01305 269444.

THURSDAY APRIL 27th

BRIDPORT: History of West Bay guided walk with Elizabeth Gale. Meet in the public car park opposite Haddon House Hotel at 10am. Two hours level walking. Cost £4 each in aid of Rotary Charities.

EYPE, NEAR BRIDPORT: Aqua fit sessions at Highland's End swimming pool, 10.30am, followed by Babies and Toddlers sessions at 11.30. More details from Penny Yarnold on 07970 879047.

FRIDAY APRIL 28th

MARTINSTOWN: Exercise to Music. Martinstown Village Hall. 10am. For more details call 01308 426390.

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, George Street. 3pm. For more details call 01308 426390.

EYPE, BRIDPORT: Undercurrent Sessions presents Mesadorm at Eype Church Centre of the Arts. 7.30pm. Tickets £10 from www.brownpapertickets.com/profile/2582077 or by calling 07807305881 or 07981 415265.

SATURDAY APRIL 29th

BRIDPORT: Coffee morning 10am to 12noon in Bridport United Church hall in aid of West Dorset Community Orchestra. Cakes, books, bric-a-brac, raffle. Also stalls for Save the Children, Friends of Bridport Museum, Bridport Twinning Association, Friends of Millennium Green, Bothenhampton Knit n' Natter Group. fundraising for Ecuador trip.

BRIDPORT: Wessex Military Band concert Bucky Doo Square Bridport 10am - 1pm. Free but voluntary donations by bucket collection.

LYME REGIS: Local Crafts and Collectables at the Baptist Church Hall, Silver Street. From 10.30am. Free admission. Well behaved dogs on leads welcome. Supporting FORCE Cancer Charity. For more details call 01297 445232.

SUNDAY APRIL 30th

BRIDPORT: Bridport Vintage Market at St Michael's Trading Estate, 10am-4pm.

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Nicky Sweetland's

Showtime

ON THE SHOWBIZ BEAT

Even Alfie Boe's rigid performance can't get me down!

IT'S INTERESTING the things that get us all het up. You come across grumpy people all the time, who get heated over the most mundane things. I've not had the greatest couple of weeks myself, but I've definitely mellowed with age and have been able to keep a smile on my face, virtually non-stop.

I'm of the opinion that you need to count your blessings and try your

best to find the funny side to minor annoyances. I actually said to someone this week "You could do with a real tragedy to put things into perspective." Of course, I don't wish ill of anyone, but the state some people get themselves is really quite perplexing.

I even managed to not vent my spleen when one of my resident teenagers came home a little worse for wear and took a wee

in the laundry basket. I merely stayed calm, laughed it off and let it go.

I find the theatre is a hotbed of intolerance however and when the majority of the theatergoing public is of the more mature persuasion, the fury factor is further intensified. It also seems the classier the event, the greater number of incensed patrons it attracts and I'm not sure if it's because the expectations



■ Alfie Boe and Katherine Jenkins in *Carousel*. Photo by Tristram Kenton

are higher or simply because the clientele are just really high maintenance.

There was a high percentage of that ilk at the London Coliseum this week for the press night of *Carousel*. All red faced and steamy, getting cross about their drinks, seats and programmes. The only thing that got my goat was Alfie Boe's irksome performance. Wearing a wig that resembled an obese ferret, the world famous tenor was almost robotic in his movements and the term 'wooden' doesn't really suffice to explain how rigid he was, as even a plank can be partly pliable. The show is bitterly disappointing notwithstanding the musical performances being topnotch.

One woman you couldn't describe as wooden, despite her recent depiction of the Wardrobe in Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*

however, is Audra McDonald. The multi Tony Award winner thrilled audiences last week with her solo show at the Leicester Square Theatre and it was a joy to attend.

I was also privileged to be invited to a rehearsal for the forthcoming tour of *The Addams Family* musical, which is to star Samantha Womack, Les Dennis and Carrie Hope Fletcher. From the bit I watched, it looks like the show is going to be a winner and the cast were absolutely delightful to interview.

I'm off to the charity

screening of the final episode of *Broadchurch* next week at the Electric Palace in Bridport and having thoroughly enjoyed this series, I'm looking forward to meeting the writer.

I'm taking a break from work, but as an insatiable theatre addict, I'm still heading to see some of my favourite shows and will see *Wicked* for the 24th time, *Kinky Boots* for the 9th and *The Girls* for just the second time. I've also got some celebrity interviews to do, so I'll spend my 'week off' doing what I love.



■ Samantha Womack, Nicky Sweetland and Les Dennis at a rehearsal for *The Addams Family*.

You can read all of my reviews and interviews on our websites londonnewsonline.co.uk and viewnews.co.uk or you can follow me on Twitter for regular updates @NickySweetland

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Partner Ross Willmington said "We started the auction at 2pm on a perfect spring afternoon, with the Guildhall being packed to the rafters with people not wanting to miss out on the chance of buying some unique lots. Many of the properties hadn't been on the open market for a con-

siderable time, generating a huge amount of interest".

The lot that made the telephone ring the most was Bowditch Farm Lodge in Membury, a three bedroom timber framed country house with adjoining store and barn set in gardens and a small orchard with 0.47 acres. Guided at £180,000 - £200,000 the bidding started cautiously but ended with the hammer dropping at a superb £310,000 to a very happy local couple.

Land remained in good demand from local farmers, with fields at Wootton Fitz-

paine averaging £10,500 per acre with the best lot, including a farm building, achieving £16,250.

Fourways in Alston ended the day on a high going for a staggering £570,000, more than £100,000 over the guide, and purchased by a couple from Honiton.

Symonds & Sampson's next auction in Axminster is in June and entries are now being taken. Please ring Ross Willmington for impartial professional advice 01297 33122

SIX STYLE THEMES TO EXPLORE IN 2017

By Sam Wylie-Harris, Press Association

A SHORE THING

You don't need to book a seaside holiday to be near the coast, when you can introduce a few nautical-themed pieces and a colour palette of blues and corals. Chambray stripes, fish motifs on chinaware, anything with an anchor and rattan lanterns will all flow easily together. This timeless look never loses its charm.



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TOTALLY TROPICAL

Creating a tropical paradise at home is far quicker - and less stressful and expensive - than booking a long-haul flight. Think lush



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palms and plants galore - whether the real thing (or you can get some great, zero-maintenance fake ones these days!) in pots around rooms, or in designs on wallpaper, fabrics or in artwork. Pink flamingo cushions, pineapple-shaped cocktail shakers (there are still tons of metallic pineapple decos in shops right now), bird print fabrics, grapefruit and citrusy scented candles, and a bamboo peacock chair. Just go wild...

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TRIBAL TOUCH

Travel has never been more popular - and, naturally, it's influencing our interiors, too. With a mix of Asian, Indian and South American treatments, a vibrant colour palette, embroidered floor cushions, pom-

pom-adorned throws, 'a little something' from a souk, arts and crafts from various cultures and an ethnic rug can hint at Zanzibar style with a modern, bohemian take. Inspiring, interesting and you can add 'souvenirs' as daily reminders of amazing trips you've enjoyed.



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INDUSTRIAL

Exposed brick walls, stripped-back floorboards, furniture made from hard-wearing materials such as enamel, aluminium and oak, evoke an edgy, industrial feel that complements monochrome tones and graphic prints. Hipster and contemporary, cast iron dishes, metal work and wire storage will suit the inventory.



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FOLLOWING the launch of the award-winning Alfa Romeo Giulia last year, the range has been expanded to include the Veloce. This new model balances the dynamics and comfort of the Giulia range to offer affordable performance and luxury, sitting between the Giulia Speciale and flagship Giulia Quadrifoglio in the line-up.

The new Giulia Veloce debuts an exclusive 2.0-litre turbo petrol engine, partnered with an eight-speed automatic transmission and rear-wheel-drive. The four-cylinder engine is made entirely of aluminium, generating 280hp and a maximum torque of 400Nm at 2,250 rpm, taking it from zero to 62mph in just 5.7seconds and on to a top speed of 149mph. In addition to the MultiAir electro-hydraulic valve activation system, it also features a "2-in-1" turbocharger system and direct injection, with 200-bar pressure. Made in the factory at Termosto, Italy, this new engine returns 46.3mpg on the combined cycle and emits just 141g/km CO₂, delivering a responsive yet efficient drive.

The Giulia Veloce shares the en-

hanced sports exterior styling of the Speciale, including sports bumpers, black gloss window surround and rear sports diffuser with dual exhausts, but adds 18-inch 10-spoke Turbine alloy wheels and black brake calipers. Misano Blue paint is available, as an option, exclusively on the Giulia Veloce. The same quality feel continues inside

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Standard equipment on the Veloce includes front & rear parking sensors, headlamp washers and up-graded braking system with larger diameter front and rear brake discs,

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Kettering Town	45	70
Chesham Utd.	45	64
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Cowes Sports	41	35
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Dorset Premier (32)	Pld	Pts
Holt Utd (C)	29	76
BALST SPORTS	32	70
Hamworthy Recreation	31	66
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Merley Cobham Sports	28	55
DORCHESTER SPORTS	28	53
Merley Sports	28	47
Gillingham Town Res	28	44
Blandford Utd	31	39
Wareham Rangers	28	29
Sturminster Newton Utd	30	29
BRIDPORT RESERVES	31	28
Mere Town	30	26
Whitchurch Utd	29	21
Sherborne Town Rese	29	11
Cranborne	30	7

Dorset Senior (26)	Pld	Pts
Witchampton Utd	21	53
DORCHESTER SP RES	21	50
Witchampton Utd	21	48
Alresford	23	38
Allendale	23	37
CHICKERELL UTD	23	36
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Piddletrenthide Utd	23	23
Westlands Sports Res	21	14
Boscombe Polonia	21	13
Blandford Utd Res	22	12

Dorset League Div 1 (26)	Pld	Pts
Blandford	21	48
Corfe	21	40
Broadstone	22	47
Wareham Rangers Res	18	41
Mere Town Reserves	22	40
Canford Utd	23	37
Wool & Winfrith	25	30
Swanage & Herston Res	19	27
Tisbury	20	26
Parley Sports Res	21	25
BALST SPORTS RES	23	21
PORTLAND UTD YOUTH	24	19
WEYMOUTH A	23	18
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Dorset League Div 2 (20)	Pld	Pts
Broadmayne	20	38
Piddletrenthide Utd	19	38
MAIDEN NEWTON & C	20	38
Allendale Reserves	17	37
Stalbridge	17	32
Sturminster Newton Utd Res	16	24
PORTESHAM UTD	20	24
Owermoigne	19	21
Broadstone Res	14	14
CHICKERELL UTD RES	18	12
Milborne Port Res	16	8

Dorset League Div 3 (22)	Pld	Pts
Sturminster Marshall (C)	22	61
Okeford Utd	22	48
Allendale A	22	39
Marnhull	22	36
AFC Blandford Res	22	33
Handley Sports	22	32
Donhead Utd	21	24
South Cheriton Utd	22	23
Primper Sports Soc	22	22
PORTLAND TOWN A	22	21
Corfe Mullen Utd Res	22	17
Wool & Winfrith Res	21	15

Dorset Div Four (22)	Pld	Pts
Swanage RBL	22	52
BRIDPORT A	20	50
Corfe Castle Res	21	49
CHICKERELL UTD A	21	38
PORTESHAM UTD RES	22	31
PORTLAND TOWN B	22	30
Lytchett & Upton RT	22	26
Shillingstone	21	21
Marnhull Res	19	19
Wool & Winfrith A	20	12
Wincanton Town A	18	11
Crossways Spitfires	22	11

Dorset Football

Whyton strike keeps champagne on ice

**Newport (IoW) 0
Portland United 1**

Sydenhams Wessex Prem - att; 144
Portland United made hard work of beating Newport to maintain their chase for the Sydenham Wessex League title with two games to go.

In a game lacking much goal-mouth action, Blues defender Lewis Whyton showed a striker's touch by scoring the only goal of the game in the 15th minute.

Connor Kelly had the first chance for the hosts, but his angled left foot drive, just cleared the far post, before Whyton scored what proved to be the winner.

Alex Halloran's dinked free kick allowed the Blues' skipper to nip between two defenders to quickly control the ball and flick it under keeper Gary Streeter.

Alex Harner should have equalised soon after but he could only fire over the crossbar from five yards under pressure from Chris Clarke.

Portland did create a couple of chances, although the only one to really test Streeter was from Alex Godfrey who turned inside a defender to fire in a shot which the keeper turned beyond the post.

After the break Liam Triggs had two opportunities to level the score, but his tame attempts failed to trouble Blues' gloveman Sean Lillington.

Godfrey had a good chance to put the game to bed, but he drove his volley at the far post into the ground for a routine catch by Streeter, and Ed Bastick then drove a 20-yard effort into the side netting.

With news that Moneyfields had

taken the lead, it was imperative that the Blues held on to their lead, and Whyton did his part, this time as a defender by blocking Lewis White's goalbound effort.

Sub Jamie Beasley had Streeter scrambling across his goal to push his shot onto the post.

Whilst it wasn't a game for the connoisseur, Portland stuck to their task and are five points behind Moneyfields who are still awaiting the outcome of an appeal regarding a three-point deduction for playing an ineligible player.

With a game in-hand, Portland could close the gap to two points following their home game with TEAM SOLENT last night (Tuesday), leaving a nail biting finish regardless of the points row on Saturday.

Matthews signs off with trophy

Gillingham 0 Weymouth 1
(after extra time)

At Dorchester Town - att: 479
JASON Matthews led his side to a third consecutive Dorset Senior Cup as he stood down as manager of Weymouth last Tuesday.

The 42-year-old goalkeeper who left the club by mutual consent and kept a clean sheet on the night was afforded a guard of honour by his players as he took the field at The Avenue.

Weymouth failed to pierce a solid Gills defence during the regulation 90 minutes, but got the breakthrough six minutes from the end of extra time when Stephane Zuber, in goal scoring mode after netting both goals at St

Ives three days earlier, headed what proved the winner.

Gillingham who have announced that they will be dropping out of the Western League Premier Division and hoping to return to Dorset Premier League were looking to reverse their defeat by the Terras in last year's final.

The first half saw Weymouth create more chances without bothering keeper Jamie Beale too much.

Despite continuing to have more of the play at the start of the second half, the nearest the Terras got to scoring was a Calvin Brooks shot that grazed the the upright.

Beale was forced into his first real save of the evening when he was forced to parry substitute Mark Molesley curling shot away, but with neither side able to score the game entered extra time.

Finally defender Zubar showed the rest how to do it as he headed home the only goal to end Matthews tenure with silverware.

SENIOR LEAGUE

SECOND placed Dorchester Sports Reserves won 2-1 at Milborne Port.

Matt Harvey, Warren White, James Hansford and Josh Why scored for Chickerell United but they were still edged out 5-4 at Wincanton Town Reserves.

Elsewhere, an own goal earned Portland Utd Reserves a 1-0 home win against Piddletrenthide.

DIVISION ONE

AARON Lawes scored a hat trick for AFC Blandford as they thrashed hosts Weymouth A 7-1 to and move to the top of the table.

Meanwhile, strikes from Kevin Pace and Dave Atkins couldn't save Portland Town from a 4-reverse at the hands of visitors Corfe Castle.

Wareham Rangers won 5-1 at home to Mere Town Reserves with goals from Aaron Merridew (3), Aaron Willis and a Jamie Cooper penalty.

DIVISION TWO

PIDDLEHINTON are second following their 4-1 home win against Milborne Port Reserves. Lucas Allen (2), Dave Stone and Adam Barrett netted for the winners.

Will Mogridge, Daniel Jordan and Marc Doble were all on target for Stalbridge as they beat visitors Allendale Reserves 3-2. Sturminster Newton Reserves and Maiden Newton shared the points after drawing 0-0.

DIVISION THREE

OKEFORD finished their season with a 4-0 home win against Wool & Winfrith Reserves. Tim Rush-Lake, Jamie Bugler, Chris Wareham and Tom Waters were on target for Okeford.

Marnhull and Handley shared the points after a 3-3 draw. Luke Perry, Tom Callaghan and Aaron Thorne scoring for Marnhull.

DIVISION FOUR

SWANAGE RBL finished their campaign with a 3-0 home win against Wincanton Town A. Ben Tattersell, Peter O.Gorman and Richard Sawyer netted for Swanage.

Rob Ford scored a hat trick as Marnhull Reserves beat visitors Wool & Winfrith A 4-0.

Bowls

Come and have a try

PORTLAND Borstal Officers Bowling Club will be holding free open days on the weekend of 22nd & 23rd of April, between 2 & 4pm.

Bowls will be provided but please bring some flat soled shoes (plimsolls or similar). Experienced players, who may like to join the club are also welcome.

Called the "Portland Borstal Officers Bowling Club" there is however NO requirement to be employed by, or connected with, the Borstal in any way.

The club is located on Portland; from the east end of Grove Road turn right, then right again, then first left down a track-way, there is parking available.

There are views across to the Isle of Wight from the green on a clear day.

Membership is one of the cheapest, if not the cheapest, in Dorset.

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Weymouth & District Table Tennis League

New Champions Budmouth B taken to the wire

WITH only one league match left to play, the final positions in another hard fought and exciting league season have now been decided.

The **Division One** champions are Budmouth B with Park District runners-up.

Budmouth's Jamie Blair, Will Jolliffe and Ethan Gear sealed the title with their 30-7 win over Budmouth C on Wednesday evening, having needed 22 points from after Park had lost 15-25 to Budmouth A, who finished third, a couple of weeks previous.

Blair also finished top of the division averages with Park's Ray Cody just behind him. Springfield B ended up at the bottom of the division and await their fate as to whether they are relegated or not.

Shipton Gorge B finished as **Division Two** champions having lost just the once this season, to All Saints, but were pushed all the way by the Saints youngsters.

Graham Albertella, Derek

Wheeler and Brian Cammell all had very good averages for Shipton and deserved their title.

Preston A finished in third with Pilgrims A just behind them in fourth.

Pilgrims A's Tim Scott had a great season in finishing top of the averages in the division, again only losing one match all season, against Shipton Gorge C's Joachim Wood.

Colliton C managed just the one win all season, against Wyke D, and finished bottom of the division. Preston C finished second bottom but do have the handicap cup final to look forward to against double chasing, Division One champions, Budmouth B.

Division Three was decided a few weeks ago with undefeated STEPS taking the title with a perfect record of 18 wins from 18 matches.

Springfield D finished as runners-up with their Dave Moth finishing top of the division averages, just beating the



■ CHAMPIONS: Division One winners Budmouth B (l-r): Will Jolliffe, Jamie Blair and Ethan Gear

champions' Paul Hammond.

A very young Budmouth D finished in third with the emerging Jed Brackenbridge and Ben Howe both featuring in the top ten of the averages.

In their inaugural season in the league the all ladies team of Preston D finished bottom of the division having won only a couple of games, but have played with a passion

and attitude that will stand them in good stead for next season's campaign.

All fixtures, results, tables and averages can be found at www.ttleague.co.uk

Lyme Regis Skittles Wootton Wobblers complete double

RESULTS - w/c April 15th:
Ladies
Rollercoasters (+BL) bt Wild Pins (game given), Hot Gossips 313 (+BL) Generations 283, La Crème 309 (+BL) Skittso's 295, Wootton Wobblers 332 Smashers 307 (+BL).

Result from January 16th: Generations (+BL) bt Wild Pins

Men's
Young Guns 372 (+BL) Clueless 328.

Pairs
The following are through to the Pairs Final on Frida, June 2nd: R Bovill & S Smith; N Bearpark & S Beal; P Hodder & L Hodder; A Trott & D Rowe; P Grinter & L Dare; K Trott & I Locke; A Rattenbury & J Fry.

Details of upcoming Cup fixtures and rearranged games;
Tonight (Weds)
Roadrunners v British Legion (rearranged league game).

Monday 24th April Ladies Pairs Final (Ship Inn): E Bearpark & R Parsons; J Moffit & H Dowling; C Prosser & P Forsey; D Rickard & J West; H Kitcher & A Bearpark; J Wyatt & A Gillings; T Wellman & C Newberry; E Blackmore & T Holmes; S Larcombe & Sarah Churchill.

LADIES (final)	P	Pts	BL
Wootton Wobb	.14	22	21
Hot Gossips	.14	20	20
Skittso's	.14	18	20
Rollercoasters	.14	15	18
Smashers	.14	13	12
La Crème	.14	10	10
Wild Pins	.14	8	7
Generations	.14	6	6

MEN'S DIV ONE	P	Pts	BL
Marksmen	.14	26	18
No Hoppers	.14	22	16
Flyers	.14	18	8
Young Guns	.14	14	16

Wednesday, May 3rd
No Hoppers v Trappers (rearranged league game)

Men's Palmer Cup Semi-Finals
Tornadoes v Marks-men (Rock Point), Roadrunners v Clueless (The George).

Friday, May 5th Men's Singles Final (Wootton Club)
P Liston; T Mayers; A Studley; J Lee; I Locke; A Rattenbury; N Bearpark; P Hodder; C Flux; P Bright; A Churchill; L Dare; P Grinter; D Welsh; L Hodder; J Fry.

Monday, May 8th Ladies Doug Clark Final (Pilot Boat)
Wootton Wobblers v Hot Gossips.

Wednesday, May 10th Men's Cornish Cup Semi-Finals
Clueless v Marksmen (The George), Flyers v Anthill Mob (Wootton Club).

Friday 12th May Dave Smith Mixed Pairs Final (Wootton Club)
R Parsons & G Parsons, D Heath & R Bevis, D Rickard & J Rickard, A Rattenbury & B Rattenbury, E Bearpark & N Bearpark, J White & J White, J Wyatt & R Wyatt, A Gillings & D Gillings, S Rickard & K Bearpark.

Anthill Mob	.14	10	20
Clueless	.14	10	10
Trappers	.13	10	10
Rousdon Reb	.15	8	20
Wreckers	.14	8	8

MEN'S DIV TWO	P	Pts	BL
Miscellaneous	.12	16	8
Roadrunners	.10	15	12
President's Men	.12	15	8
Tornadoes	.12	12	12
Alleytwits	.12	10	18
British Legion	.11	7	8
Shakers	.11	5	12

Bees Extra

One hand on trophy Chickerell A 0 Bridport A 2

Dorset League Division Four
BRIDPORT A need three points from their remaining three games to secure the Dorset League Division Four title, after beating Chickerell.

The Beescreated some good chances early on but found the home keeper in fine form but the defence were also at the top of their game as Chickerell bombarded them with some long balls and keeper Jordan Scadding was called on once to produce a superb save.

Rhys Hughes-Williams gave Bridport the lead, and they doubled their tally before the break with a Brandon Scadding strike.

Bridport were much more effective playing up in the second half and they had the Chickens penned in their own half for long periods, but again the home keeper showed some class saves, including beating out a penalty.

Bridport host Wool & Winfrith A this Saturday knowing victory will see them crowned champions.

Bees News - Bridport FC

Bees nailed by Cobblers

Bridport 0 Street 4
Toolstation Premier Division - att; 103
BRIDPORT manager Adam Fricker had no qualms about being beaten by an impressive Street side at St Mary's on Good Friday.

Talking after the 4-0 defeat by the Somerset side that lay second in the Toolstation Western League Premier Division he said: "Sometimes you have to hold your hands up and admit you were beaten by a better team."

Having regained some form in recent weeks with just one defeat in five games, the Bees might have been hoping to get something from the encounter having run the Cobblers close in the reverse fixture on Boxing Day when they were beaten 5-3.

The Bees boss added: "We thought on that performance that we might have a chance as despite being very effective going forward, they looked vulnerable in defence. However, they've improved since Boxing Day and were very good. They were very solid throughout, and I would put them on a par with Champions Bristol Manor Farm.

Goals have been a feature between these two sides in recent seasons, and it took Street just 84 seconds to suggest this game would be no different.

Having cleared Bridport's attack from the kick off, the visitors swept down the other end and after Leigh Bailey had cleared a cross, a superb tackle from Andy Martin stopped Steve Murray scoring from the rebound at the expense of a corner.

The low flag kick looped up into the air David O'Hare had a free header to put his side ahead.

Kameron Andrews then set up Braeden Symes with a great opportunity for an equaliser, but instead of using his left foot, took it on his right and scuffed his effort.

The visitors made them pay in the 10th minute when Ross McErlain played a superb ball over the Bees defence for Murray to chase. He held off the attention of Max Buckler before exploding a volley over Jason Hutchings for his 30th goal of the season.

Hutchings them made the first of several excellent saves to keep Bridport in the game as Street dominated; diving low to his left to turn O'Hare's 20-yard strike for a corner.

On the half hour McErlain's 30-yard free kick looked bound for the top corner before Hutchings reached to turn the ball over the bar.

Then in the last minute of the first half a brilliant run from Craig Herrod took him past three Bees defenders and his shot also looked destined for the corner before Hutchings once more got down to parry.

The Bees almost pulled a goal back three minutes after the restart, but Cobblers' keeper Tom Punchyard tipped Martin's 25-yard free kick over the bar.

The visitors capitalised three minutes later when Josh Wadham's inswinging low corner caused havoc in the box. Martin got a slight deflection but Murray claimed the goal as the ball hit his shin stood on the goalline.

Street added the fourth on 57 minutes; Herrod's overhead flick putting in O'Hare who ran through to fire across Hutchings.

With the result a formality, the final half hour was sterile with both sides countering each other out.

Bridport might have got a late consolation, but Ed Butcher's cross just eluded the stooping Mark Salter at the far post.

Fricker concluded: "We always knew it was going to be tough afternoon, but sometimes if you get a bit of luck you may get a chance, but from the moment they scored the first one you knew it was tough, but the lads never give up, that's something you can't coach into them, but they [Street] had that extra bit of quality."

Commenting on the display of keeper Jason Hutchings Fricker said: "He doesn't get the credit he deserves because he's an excellent keeper and has been brilliant for us for three or four seasons. He's very professional, always does the right things, and always wants to learn."

Annetts pleased with progress
Bridport Reserves 0 Parley Sports 0

WITH STUART BROOM

Dorset Premier League
BRIDPORT Reserves picked up their third consecutive draw as they checked a run of five losses, with a very creditable point against Parley Sports at St Mary's on Saturday.

Whilst it wasn't the most entertaining of games, manager Shaun Annetts was pleased with his charges progress, who recorded only their third clean sheet of the season.

"We've had three results, albeit only draws, but I can see little improvements. On the back of some quite tough games against Holt, Hamworthy Rec and Merley Cobham who are all much better than us, we have now played against three half decent sides above us in the league and have managed to come out even.

"I'm pleased with the commitment and attitude of the players, which I hope will now carry on into the final game of the season tonight (Wednesday) at Dorchester Sports."

Reflecting on the Parley game the Bees boss said: "The defences were generally on top, however it was great to keep a clean sheet.

"On reflection a draw was a fair result, and considering in the reverse fixture back in the autumn when we were beaten heavily despite fielding a strengthened side, to get a draw with a much less experienced line-up shows an improvement."

For once Kieron Park only had to make one save of significance, tipping a speculative shot over the bar, whilst at the other end Alfie Ward, Sam Handyside and Ali Kamara all went close.

Annetts was full of praise for Ward who captained the side in Dan Peart's absence, and went closest with a run from his own area to the opposition's box, but his shot just skimmed the outside of the upright.

"He's been outstanding for us all season and deserved a goal," added Annetts.

"I can certainly see little improvements all over the pitch, and to get a little run has been probably the most important thing for me and the team.

"I've got a group of players who all show great attitude, it augers well for next season."

Cricket

New TT25 format ready to roll

THE new TT25 cricket competition to encompass all members of the family is set to roll out officially on Sunday, May 7th with the first match at Christchurch who will host Broadstone.

The sociable cricket format will involve over 20 teams from all over Dorset in four leagues including one of all Ladies.

TT25 is the inspiration of Pete (Tommy) Tucker, hence "TT", coach at Charlton Down Cricket Club, who has been involved in the sport at all age levels from youth to veterans for over 35 years.

The concept of the new league has been put together by Tucker together with input from Keith Brewer at the Dorset Cricket Board.

Some of the many reasons for the new league is to bridge the gap between youth cricket at U15s and the longer adult game, to increase the club players and social numbers and, at the same time, bring more families into cricket.

An important point is that any team that wishes to participate does not need to have a youth section or indeed be part of an established club.

Paul Bedford, ECB's National participation Manager for Leagues and Competition said "ECB is pleased to sup-

port the Dorset Funeral Plan Cricket League TT25 competition. This project will boost the development of the game for all ages across Dorset.

This investment directly supports "Cricket Unleashed", the game-wide strategy to make the game more accessible and inspire the next generation of players, coaches, officials and volunteers"

The competition has been designed to emphasise "The Spirit of Cricket" and encourage young people 14 plus, over 50's returning to the game, and for families, to play the shorter 25 over format, in the same teams.

The new format of cricket will give:

- Cricket to young players who are not ready for, or don't want to play the longer format after they finish youth cricket.
- Young adults with families who still want to play but don't have the time for the longer game.
- Parents and grandparents who might like to play with their sons/daughters or grandchildren
- Older players who have retired, not been able to play, or wanting to play the longer format.

Some of the rules see free entry into the league with no



financial penalties, local matches every other week, an all female league, and 25 overs per innings completed in less than 3½ hours.

Explaining his reasons behind the TT25 cricket competition, Tucker said: "I had become increasingly frustrated at seeing young boys and girls come to me from the age of seven to 15 and then see only two or three progress into adult cricket because there was no opportunity and go off to play other sports."

The Dorset Cricket League is very pleased to announce that Hearn and Sons will be sponsoring the TT25 Cricket League initially for the 2017 season.

Hearn and Sons are a local family run business specialis-

ing in all aspects of roofing and rainwater systems with over 28 years experience, and are professionals dedicated to quality and value of service. For more information about Hearn and Sons please visit <http://hearnandsons.co.uk>

A Facebook page with reports, pictures and possible twitter feed and all results will appear on the play-cricket website, and The Dorset Cricket Board website has a separate section where fixtures and other information can be found.

Clubs who might be interested in entering a team in the 2018 season should contact Tommy.tucker501@btinternet.com or keith.brewer@dorsetcricketboard.co.uk.

Bridport Skittles

UPCOMING cup fixtures.

Knock Out Cup (semi-finals)
Tonight (Weds)
WOODMAN - Dingbats v Rejects.

Nomination Cup (Semi-Finals)
Thursday, April 20th
ILCHESTER ARMS - The Dingles v Shipfaced.

Losers Cup A&B Final
Thursday, April 20th
BRADPOLE CLUB - Nelson Nobblers v Rock-ets.

Mixed Fours Final
Wednesday, April 26th
- 7.30pm start
WEST DORSET CLUB - Fletches Four; After Eights; Brookside; Rest of the Best.

Division A	Pld	Pts
Shipfaced	.20	39
Masters	.20	27
Rockets	.20	26
Rejects	.20	21
Denhay	.20	20
Broadoak	.20	18
Wanderers	.18	18
Slingers	.20	17
Nelson Nobblers	.19	16
Rough Eight	.19	16
Lively Lads	.19	8
U Know the Blokes	.19	8

Division B	Pld	Pts
Miss the Ball	.18	25
The Dingles	.19	25
Countrymen	.18	22
Outsiders	.18	19
Dingbats	.17	18
Originals	.18	18
Bangers	.18	16
Survivors	.18	16
Lost in Time	.18	15
Castouts	.19	14
Aussies Lot	.17	10

Division C	Pld	Pts
Gerryatics	.20	34
NBC	.19	28
Pioneers	.20	28
LHS	.19	24
Wickers	.19	24
Whiskey Chasers	.19	18
Unknowns	.18	16
Stingers	.19	15
Yo Yo's	.19	13
Brandy Snaps	.19	10
Groundhogs	.18	10

Division D	Pld	Pts
Alcoholics	.19	34
Strawpeedoes	.18	32
Featherbeds	.18	25
BFC	.18	24
Alleycats	.18	22
Let em Roll	.16	14
Offcuts	.17	12
Hidden Talent	.16	11
Firebirds	.17	10
Pinbashers	.17	10

Highest Individual League Score (92) - M Tozer (BFC); M Huxter (Broadoak); D Alley (Let em Roll).

Medal winners (91) - M. Studley (Shipfaced) & D Wyatt (Masters).

Medal winners (90) - W Huxter (Lively Lads).

Scores of 90 & over in Cup matches - D Smith 94 (Lively Lads).

Highest Lady Individual League (86)score-S Luter (Yo Yo's).

Dunns Trophy Leaders - N Willcox (Rejects) & D Wyatt (Masters) 15 points.

Echo Rose Bowl Leaders - G Legg (Brandy Snaps) with 18 points; S Luter (Yo Yo's) with 15 points; C Horton (Pinbashers) with 12 points.

Wessex Point-to-Point

WITH BOB BRACHER

Littlewindsor draws big crowds

EASTER Saturday brought the crowds flocking to Littlewindsor where the Seaview held their point-to-point.

The highlights were a training treble for Ed Walker, riding doubles for Will Biddick and Josh Newman and a breeding double for local owner Audrey Goodwin and compliments from all participants about the excellent watering job done by Jeremy Barber and his team to produce such good ground.

The **OPENING HUNT** race where all three entries took part became a tactical contest as the two leaders Driftwood Pride ridden by George Hiscock and Minim Mouse, ridden by Josh Newman, disputed the lead for much of the race.

Then, Rusty Nail ridden by 17 year old Ben Godfrey, who had been sitting behind them, produced his mount at the last and won quite cosily by a length and a half.

Bought privately from former owner Katie Bellamy for Ben to ride and his

mother Sally to train this season this was their first success together and the sixth career victory for Ben which includes a Hunter Chase win at Newbury.

Will's first winner of the afternoon came courtesy of My Dance trained by Ed Walker and owned by Richard Kelvin-Hughes in the two miles and four furlong **YOUNG MAIDEN**.

Ridden prominently with the other newcomer in the field Darcy Ward ridden by Martin McIntyre she had too much in hand for her younger rival and had four lengths to spare at the winning post.

Bred by her owner out of the seven time winning mare My Petra she has been with Ed and his wife Polly since July last year.

Josh's first winner and Ed's second winner of the day was Journey Juice in the **OPEN MAIDEN** race.

Bred by Audrey Goodwin the five year old chestnut Apple Tree gelding was sold by her to the Otter Club as a replacement for Villa Cova who won for the Club in 2016.

Josh bided his time behind long-time leader Kari-gale for much of the race but ran out a comfortable winner by four lengths.

The **MEN'S OPEN** race run in honour of that grand campaigner Southwestern who was put to sleep earlier this year was won in style by Dan McGrue ridden by Will Biddick and trained by Jack Barber.

Setting off in front and determined to ensure his mount saw all his fences Will shook off the attention of nearest pursuer Kernel Victor and despite a bit of a mistake at the last was a comfortable winner. He had done a lot of schooling since his previous run at Charlton Horethorne and his jumping was much better.

The **LADIES OPEN** race was won easily by Aikideau ridden by Bryony Frost and trained by Jack Barber. Recording his third victory at Littlewindsor to the delight of his four lady owners he had had a break after his run in the Coronation Gold Cup and this had freshened him up.

Ridden with supreme con-

fidence by Bryony who waited until the third last to produce her mount and quickly put distance between her and the other course specialist Sobre Tresor ridden by Natalie Parker who finished an honourable second.

Bryony is riding on the top of her game at present following her success in the Cheltenham Foxhunters and this showed with this performance.

The **RESTRICTED RACE** had a dramatic finish with Josh Newman riding Gernemouse and Will Biddick aboard Clenagh Castle. Josh looked to have mastered his rival but after making a mistake at the last he handed the advantage to Will's mount.

However, his partner rallied on the short run in and Josh was able to record a half-length victory.

Bred by owner Michael Dare his trainer Chloe Newman described him as a 'want to win horse' and was not surprised how he had stayed on at the finish.

Audrey Goodwin's improving mare Miss Got-



■ **POISED:** Miss Gotaway, Abbie Hughes (1st) in The PPORA Club Members race. Photo by TIM HOLT

away was a very easy winner of the concluding Novice Riders Race when ridden by Abbi Hughes.

She was much too good for her three rivals and came right away to win by a distance.

Bridport & West Dorset Indoor Bowls Club

Grier wears down Parker for singles title

MARTIN Grier is the new Bridport & West Dorset Indoor Bowling Club's Men's Champion after he drew away to win 21-12 having earlier being locked 7-7 with Ivor Parker, whilst Keith Brooks took the Singles Plate title beating Brian Walsh 22-10.

Martin Waters defeated Sharon Heath 21-3 in the Rookies Final, with Mel Griffiths & John Davies beating Brian Suffling & Martin Wilton to win the Australian Pairs.

Peter Sandall & Mike Fletcher destroyed Brian Baker & Griffiths 25-6 in the Men's Pairs, whilst the Jenkins', Barbara & Keith

beat the Craddocks, Lyn & Mike, 16-11 in the Mixed Pairs Plate.

Meanwhile, Norman Eccles, Barry Mapson, Ken Sanger, Brian Connisbee & Annie Legg's Seagulls won the Evening League Knockout cup after a disastrous last wood from Brian Rumble who was skipping the Nightingales side of Bill Payne, Tony Bartlett, Dave Roberts & Ivor Parker. Holding four shots for the win, Rumble increasingly crashed into the head to give the winning shot to the Seagulls 21-20.

Phil Hedges, Brooks, Conisbee & Legg's Mal-

lards won the Morning League Knock-Out beating the Swingers of Pam and Harry Gray, Peter Scott & Mike Parsons 29-12 with opening counts of 7 and 5 doing the damage.

Suffling, Roy Nicoll, Baker & Fletcher picked up the Drawn Rinks title 24-8 against Sue Jenkin, Anne Parkins, Laura Taylor & Jenny Harding, where early counts of 5 and 4 proved decisive.

Meanwhile, Peter Varney, Brian Parker & Sheila Nicoll took the Drawn Triples 23-15, beating Penny Pither, Parkins & Sue Walsh.



■ **FINALISTS:** (From left) Frances Hewett, Annie Legg, Lyn Craddock and Barbara Jenkins who contested the Ladies' Pairs Final.

Bridport Golf

BY PETER CROWTER

Youngster Mannie lands Director's Cup

THE big event over Easter is the Director's Cup, four days of Medal play open to all sections of the club.

There are three prizes each day and, while players can compete on each of the four days, only the first two scores count towards the cup.

There were 145 entrants and in the fine weather all winning nett scores were in the 60s.

The cup winner 13-year-old Mannie Wellman came from the junior section who enjoyed an excellent weekend. He played three rounds and scored a nett 68 on the first, a fine nett 62 on his second and, after a three-shot handicap cut, managed to come fourth on his third round

with a nett 71.

Results

Friday: 1st Chris Adams 79-13=66, 2nd Robert Smith 88-21=67, 3rd Ian Thacker 82-14=68. All three received a one stroke handicap cut.

Saturday: 1st Richard Hansford 89-26=63, 2nd Dave Smith 81-13=68, 3rd Chris Wren 94-25=69. Hansford's handicap was cut by three strokes, Smith's by one.

Sunday: 1st Mannie Wellman 79-17=62, 2nd Stuart Gay 86-23=63, 3rd Dave Smith 78-12=66. Wellman and Gay were cut by three strokes, Smith by one.

Monday: 1st (acb) Marc Harwood 77-10=67, 2nd Dave Smith

78-11=67, 3rd Russell Weller 89-20=69. Smith was cut by one.

Veterans' Section

THE weather was cool and mainly cloudy, but with little wind, for the veteran's Thursday competition.

This was a three-man Team Texas Scramble off 1 10/11th of combined handicap.

There was a clear gap between the top team and the runners-up and Peter Marshall (9), vets captain Dave Buckland (21) & Mick Kelson (22) obviously gelled and came in with a score of 61.9.

The next two teams came in with the same score of 63.8 and, after count-back, Angus Nicoll (17), Karl Rogers (20) & Gil

Roberts (25) edged the team of John Pacey (15), Dave Boggis (21) & Trevor Foster (26) into third place.

The vets had two interclub matches last week and enjoyed mixed fortunes. In the away match against **ASHLEY WOOD** on Monday, April 10th Bridport lost 4½-1½.

However, the next day they played defeated visitors **WEYMOUTH 5-1**.

Ladies' Section by Di Neal

THE Easter weather has been fantastic with all games played in beautiful sunshine.

Both Saturday and Tuesday ladies played an Easter Egg Bowmaker, everyone brought a

delicious chocolate egg which, as chocolate is poison for dogs (our charity for 2017 being Woofability), last year's Lady Captain's charity Dorset Young Carers were the lucky children who received the donated goodies!

The Saturday winners were Judy Walters, Jane White & Julie Oliver who carded 73 points

Tuesday had two trios with 75 points and the winners on count back were Maureen Hicks, Viv Gill & Helen Campbell with Janie Dowling, Sandra March & Nicky Stone runners-up.

All the above players received prizes given by Captain Janie Dowling

Lyme Golf

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THE revised Seniors' April Stableford provided some healthy competition as David Page helped himself to three birdie twos, picking up 12 points which was formed a solid platform for winning Division One with 39 points.

Roger Turner carded exactly the same score but finished in second owing to Page's birdie on the 18th. Andrew West was third on 38 points.

Division Two belonged to Gary Vaughan who scored 38 points an pushed Ken Lavery and Jim Pettifer into 2nd and 3rd with Lavery's excellent 23 points on the back nine good enough to take the silver.

The **Ladies Coronation Four-somes** proved to be an exciting competition as the first three pairs all tied on 36 points.

In the end the pairing of Jane Dixon & Geraldine Wickes with 18 points on each nine, proved too strong for Jenny Scott & Rosie Jackman who came second, pushing Gilly Madill & Jean Jolley into 3rd.

The **Juniors' Easter Cup** saw some good play, none better than Bradley Searle whose round included a birdie on the tricky 16th as he won with nett 71 from Alfie Crisp 73, and Lewis Gibbons, 75, finishing 2nd and 3rd.

Lyme Regis Pool

Table	Pld	Pts
Pot Nots	14	33
Wozo's Warriors	13	33
Smack the Rack	15	28
Hunters Hot Pots	13	27
Drunken Sailors	13	19
Old Cobbies	14	18
Nags Head Trotters	14	15
Real Talbot	14	6
Ranger & Friends	12	3

Lyme Regis Darts

Current table	Pld	Pts
Rousdon Club	19	38
Nags Head A	22	37
Clockadoodleoo	23	36
Nags Z	22	28
Rock Point A	17	25
Hunters Lodge	21	19
Four Play	20	19
Royal Standard	20	16
Cobb Arms	20	13
Talbot Arms	20	12
Half an Octopus	22	10
Janners	20	7
See you Next Thurs	18	4

180s: T.Prowse 10, R.Cross 8, T.Bond, B.Grainger & T.Young 5, D.Herbert & R.Powell 4, G.Knight 3, R.Coombe 2, 17 players x1.

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INSIDE: Portland United still in with title shout No change despite new management

IT would appear that despite a change in management, Weymouth's yo-yo season continues.

After a season of under achievement, Jason Matthews was replaced at the helm last week by the caretaker duo of Mark Moleseley and Paul Maitland.

They started their three match tenure by dismissing the Generals of Chesham United 2-0 on Good Friday, but found Cirencester too strong on Monday, going down 3-0.

The duo made three changes to the side that won the Dorset Senior Cup three days earlier including Matthews which comfortably dispatched Chesham

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United with second half goals from Ben Thomson and Aaron Rodriguez.

Despite a winning start, they made another four changes to their starting line-up for Monday's trip to relegation threatened Cirencester Town, with three of them starting on the bench.

However the Centurions, needing victory to keep alive their hopes of staying off relegation from the Evo-Stik South Premier Division, showed more desire and passion as they deservedly ended the Terras unbeaten run.

Danny Gudger gave them

the lead after just five minutes when he was on hand to finish Kerry Morgan's good work, with a Ben Thomson header that cleared the bar, the best Weymouth could muster in the first half.

At the start of the second half, the former Frome Town striker had another chance but headed straight at keeper Glyn Garner, but it was Cirencester who doubled their lead with 20 minutes to go when Ellis Dunton found plenty of room in the Terras defence to score when Alan Griffin headed the ball across goal.

Six minutes later they wrapped up three valuable points as Gudger slid the ball under Nick Thomas for

a third. He might have completed a hat trick but Thomas got down to his left to save his penalty kick.

The Terras finish the season this Saturday with a home fixture against Leamington, by which time the Weymouth board hope to announce the new manager.

It is reported that Gosport Borough manager Alex Pike is one of the leading contenders for the vacant post.

Other unconfirmed names linked to the job include former Terras player Steve Tully, Tommy Widdington, who left Eastbourne Borough after five years in charge, and former White-hawks boss Steve King.



■ **CUP GLORY:** Weymouth gave outgoing player-manager a Jason Matthews a winning send off after they beat Gillingham Town 1-0 at Dorchester Town FC last week to secure the Dorset Senior Cup for the third season in a row.
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